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PREFACE

OF all SHAKESPEARE'S plays, *The Tempest* is almost the very best in the way of Text that has come down to us, and yet, notwithstanding this general excellence, there is scarcely one of its five Acts which does not contain a word or a phrase that has given rise to eager discussion, in one instance, the controversy assumes such extended proportions that in its presence even Juliet's 'runawayes eyes may wink' and veil their lids in abashed inferiority

Few plays have afforded in general the material for as voluminous an amount of comment. Whether this material really exist in the Play itself, or whether it be not in a measure due to the position of the Play as the first in the Folio, and hence an example of the proverbial thoroughness of new undertakings, it is impossible to say, but certain it is that with the exception of *Hamlet* and *Julius Cæsar* no play has been more liberally annotated than *The Tempest*.

Unquestionably, a large portion of this attention from editors and critics must be owing to the enduring charm of the Play itself, dominated as it is by two such characters as Prospero and Ariel, whose names have become almost the symbols of an overruling, forgiving wisdom, and of an 'embodied joy whose race has just begun.' There is yet a third character that shares with these two my profound wonder, and, as a work of art, my admiration. It is not Miranda, who, lovely as she is, is but a girl, and has taken no single step in that brave new world just dawning on the fringed curtains of her eyes. 'To me,' says LADY MARTIN, in a letter which I am kindly permitted to quote, 'Miranda's *life* is all to come.' We know, indeed, that to her latest hour she will be the top of admiration, but, as a present object, the present eye sees in her only the exquisite possibilities of her exquisite nature. In Caliban it is that SHAKESPEARE has risen, I think, to the very height of creative power, and, by making what is absolutely unnatural thoroughly natural and consistent, has accomplished the impossible. Merely as a work of art, Caliban takes precedence, I think, even of Ariel.

It is interesting to note the uniformity of the estimate of Caliban's character by the critics. While all acknowledge his power and his attractiveness, scorings, loathings, and revilings are nevertheless heaped on him, indeed, I can recall but one solitary voice really raised in his favour. 'in some respects,' says COLERIDGE, 'Caliban 'is a noble being.' It has become one of the commonplaces in criticisms on the Play to say that Caliban is the contrast to Ariel (sometimes varied by substituting Miranda for Ariel), and that as the tricky sprite is the type of the air and of unfettered fancy, so is the abhorred slave typical of the earth and of all brutish appetites, the detested hag-seed is then dismissed blistered all o'er with expressions of abhorrence and with denunciations of his vileness, which any print of goodness will not take. Is there, then, nothing to be said in favour of Caliban? is there really and truly no print of goodness in him? Kindly Nature never wholly deserts her offspring, nor does SHAKESPEARE. We may be very sure that he, who knew so well that there is always some soul of goodness in things evil, would not have abandoned even Caliban without infusing into his nature some charm which might be observingly distilled out. Why is it that Caliban's speech is always rhythmical? There is no character in the play whose words fall at times into sweeter cadences, if the Æolian melodies of the air are sweet, the deep bass of the earth is no less rhythmically resonant. We who see Caliban only in his prime and, a victim of heredity, full grown, are apt to forget the years of his childhood and of his innocence, when Prospero fondled him, stroked him, and made much of him, and Miranda taught him to speak, and with the sympathetic instinct of young girlhood interpreted his thoughts and endowed his purposes with words. When Caliban says that it was his mistress who showed him the man in the moon with his dog and his bush, what a picture is unfolded to us of summer nights on the Enchanted Island, where, however quiet lies the landscape in the broad moonlight, every hill and brook and standing lake and grove is peopled with elves, and on the shore, overlooking the yellow sands where fairies foot it feately, sits the young instructress deciphering for the misshapen slave at her feet the features of the full-orbed moon. With such a teacher, in such hours, would it be possible for Caliban, even were he twice the monster that he is, to resist, at the most impressible age, the subtle influence of the atmosphere of poetry which breathed in every nook and corner of the Enchanted Island? The wonder is not that he ever after speaks in rhythm; the wonder would be if he did not.

Let our surprise at Caliban's language cease when it is remembered that he learned it from Prospero and Miranda, and had never heard it from other mortal lips

It was by Miranda's pure loveliness and rare refinement that the soul of poetry was distilled out of that evil thing. Without this poetic feeling in Caliban, and its expression, whence would come our knowledge of the pervading life of enchantment which, by Prospero's wand, has converted that 'unnhabited Island' into the one magic isle of our imaginations, forever floating in unknown summer seas? It is from Caliban we learn that—

The Isle is full of noyses,
Sounds, and sweet airs, that give delight and hurt not'

Is there no gratitude due for such a glimpse of the isle as that 'or for this?—

' Sometimes a thousand twangling instruments
Will hum about mine ears, and sometimes voices,
That if I then had waked after long sleep
Will make me sleep again, and then in dreaming,
The clouds methought would open, and shew riches
Ready to drop upon me, that when I waked
I cried to dream again '

Moreover, had there lurked for Caliban no gentle feeling whatsoever in Shakespeare's heart, never would he have given us, I think, such a picture as this of the deformed slave's childlike simplicity.' It is this human and poetical side of Caliban's character, to which, as I venture to think, we have paid hardly sufficient attention, and which the general and abhorrent repulsiveness of his nature causes us to overlook.

It is a hackneyed cry against Caliban that he is utterly sensual, caring for nothing but what he can eat or drink. When in his eagerness to show Stephano all the fairest treasures of the isle, he says, 'I'll show thee a jay's nest,' did he, may I ask, contemplate this object as an article of diet? or did not the sight of a nest with its 'twin duplicate eggs' send through Caliban's soul the same thrill that, to this hour, 'gars a boy's heart loup richt up until heaven,' and make of that humbler nest of a jay quite as much a theme for exultation and a resource of pure joy as a 'swan's nest among the reeds'? Surely it is not claiming too much in urging that the same doubt, which may be cast over the 'jay's nest' as an article of food, may be extended to the 'nimble marmoset', but when, in the same speech, Caliban says that 'some-

'times I'll get thee young scamels from the rock,' there I yield, and acknowledge that his baser appetite controls his higher. What 'scamels' are, or are not, may be learned from the portentous mass of notes on the word, extending to two of the following pages, wherein there has been proposed as a substitute every article of food known to man which begins and ends with *s*, from 'shamois' to 'sea-owls'. For my part, I unblushingly confess that I do not know what 'scamels' are, and that I prefer to retain the word in the text and to remain in utter, invincible ignorance. From the very beginning of the Play we know that the scene lies in an enchanted island. Is this to be forgotten? Since the air is full of sweet sounds, why may not the rocks be inhabited by unknown birds of gay plumage or by vague animals of a grateful and appetising plumpness? Let the picture remain, of the dashing rocks, the stealthy, freckled whelp, and, in the clutch of his long nails, a young and tender scamel.

If the depth of the impression made by an imaginary character may be gauged by the literature which that character calls forth, then must Hamlet and Falstaff admit Caliban to a place between them. An eminent Professor has devoted a stout octavo volume to the proof that in Caliban we find the exact 'link' which, in any scheme of Evolution, is 'missing' between Man and the Anthropoids, the late and honoured Mr ROBERT BROWNING has given utterance to the theological speculations which he imagined might have visited Caliban's darkened and lonely soul, and a brilliant Member of The French Institute, of world-wide fame, has written a philosophical drama bearing the name of 'Caliban'. No other unreal character, except the two I have mentioned, Hamlet and Falstaff, has called forth such noteworthy or such voluminous tributes.

As an object-lesson of prime importance, I have reprinted in the Appendix, DRYDEN'S *Version*. Unless it be made thus accessible, few, I am afraid, would take the trouble of looking it up in DRYDEN'S *Works*, or in DAVENANT'S, and of reading it, unless we read it, no imagination, derived from a mere description, can adequately depict its monstrosity,—to be fully hated it must be fully seen. Than this *Version*, there is, I think, in the realm of literature no more flagrant instance to be found of *lese-majesty*. It is hard to decide whether or not DRYDEN'S reputation be additionally damaged by the revelation lately made by an eminent German scholar, that the mutilations, or rather the additions, for which DRYDEN took to himself

credit as the author, are wholesale 'conveyances' from a play of CALDERON. After all, it is doubtful if any tinct be hereby added to the grained spots in DRYDEN'S conduct.

One thing, however, we should bear in mind. DRYDEN'S *Version* is the fruitage of DRYDEN'S times. 'The drama's laws the drama's 'patrons give,' and PEPYS is witness that the house was 'mighty 'full' when this *Version* was presented.

To one minor detail I beg to call attention. SHAKESPEARE'S seamanship during the tempest in the First Scene is beyond criticism. No order of the Boatswain is superfluous,—no order is omitted that skill can suggest to save the craft. Turn to DRYDEN, where, amidst a wild and incoherent mass of nautical nonsense, orders are issued which, if obeyed, would drive the ship straight to destruction on the rocks.

A hundred years after DRYDEN'S day, in speaking of adaptations and versions of SHAKESPEARE, LESSING, Germany's greatest and truest Shakespearian scholar, exclaimed: 'Upon the most insignificant of 'his beauties there is an impress stamped, which to all the world proclaims. "I am SHAKESPEARE'S!"' Woe to the alien beauty who presumes to place herself beside it!"

No story, legend, drama, or novel has been yet discovered which was used by SHAKESPEARE as the foundation for *The Tempest*. Speculation has been wide and wild in regard to fragmentary sources, here and there, whence, it is maintained, SHAKESPEARE drew various details of his Play. The one source, however, which, it has been assumed, points, more than all others, to a common origin is an old German Comedy, unearthed eighty years ago by TIECK, called *The Fair Sidea*. The joy of a discoverer filled TIECK, and the joy of possession in a comedy, which would bring them so near to Shakespeare, filled German scholars; and from the temperate suggestion by the former that in *The Fair Sidea* we had a version merely of the old play which was re-made into *The Tempest*, the enthusiasm waxed higher and higher, unchecked as it should have been by English scholars, until we now hear the positive assertion that, in writing *The Tempest*, SHAKESPEARE went 'direct' to the Nuremberg Notary.

Under these circumstances I have not considered the time or space as misapplied which has been devoted to this play of *The Fair Sidea*, an examination of it, I am convinced, will serve to correct the wild and whirling words of the present day and restore TIECK'S earliest, mode-

rate judgement, or at least a modification of that judgement. It cannot be said that there is really any ground common to *The Tempest* and to *The Fair Sidea*. One or two mere points of contact there are, but they are points of altogether minor, nay, of minimum, importance.

German scholars have asserted, that in the two comedies there is the same fundamental idea of the reconciliation of hostile fathers by the marriage of their children. There is no such reconciliation in *The Tempest*. Of a righteous Duke, deposed and exiled by treachery, of the rotten carcass of a butt, with the father and little child, of a desert island full of enchantment, of a tempest raised by magic, of a shipwreck, of conspiracies, and of distracted senses, of love at first sight and the game at chess,—in *The Tempest*, there is never a hint in *Die schone Sidea*, which, on the other hand, sets forth a bloody battle wherein the lawless, wanton aggressor is defeated and justly exiled; an incantation which raises a devil spitting fire, a treacherous seizure of a young prince and his brutal treatment by the heroine, a reconciliation and elopement of the young couple, a telltale devil stricken dumb by enchantment, pursuit of the young pair by the enraged father, the bride's detection by means of the reflection of her face in a well (an incident which could not but survive in every version of the story), a rival in the affections of her betrothed; his oblivion of the past, and the restoration of his memory by a love philtre,—of all these essential points in *The Fair Sidea*, where is there a trace in *The Tempest*? In the course of the former story the captive prince is forced under blows and ill treatment (and at the hands of the heroine, forsooth!) to split and pile up some wood, and, at the time of his capture, when he attempts to draw his sword, he finds it fast in its scabbard by the spell of the wicked magician. These are the two incidents which are supposed to be identical with Ferdinand's log-bearing, and with his disarming by Prospero, and these it is, which have been urged as an all-sufficient justification of the belief in a close kinship between *The Tempest* and *The Fair Sidea*. May not as much, or more, be said in favour of GREENE'S *Friar Bacon*, where the weapons of no less than four men are spell-bound, and where dumbness is brought on by a stroke of magic. If once we adopt such fragmentary, insignificant incidents as the source of *The Tempest*, we might as well extend the scope and admit as one of the originals of Ferdinand's log-bearing task the nursery-rhyme behest of 'Five, six, pick up sticks; seven, eight, lay them straight.'

And yet, to be perfectly just to *The Fair Sidea*, we may concede somewhat in the direction of TIECK's demands, and if even two trivial matters of detail be found common not only to the German Comedy, but to others, and to *The Tempest*, our belief may be strengthened that somewhere, perhaps, in the limbo of lost Plays, the ghost is fitting which SHAKESPEARE recalled to life and light, and clad with ethereal beauty

To my father, the Rev Dr FURNESS, I am indebted for the translation of the extracts from HERMAN GRIMM, from FRANZ HORN, and from FRANÇOIS-VICTOR HUGO. The debt of gratitude which I spring to pay, it seldom falls to the happy lot of mortal to incur. The aid afforded by the hand, whose cunning more than ninety years have not abated, is hereby gratefully and reverently acknowledged by the white-haired son

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The Scene, an vn-inhabited Island

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Names of the Actors

I The Scene, an] The Scene an, an
F₃ Scene, the sea with a ship, after-
wards an Johns Scene, at sea, and on
different Parts of an Cap

2 This list of the 'Names of the

Actors' in the Folio, follows the Epi-
logue at the end of the play It is here
transposed merely out of deference to
the time-honoured custom of beginning
a play with the *Dramatis Personæ*

1. In discussing the 'Date of the Composition' (see Appendix) great emphasis is laid by MALONE and others on the influence which the early accounts of the Bermudas had on Shakespeare's construction of the present play, and many agreements are there detected between those islands and Prospero's island Hence a vague notion seems to have floated abroad that one of the 'still-vex'd Bermoothes' was the actual scene of *The Tempest*—CHALMERS, indeed, with his headlong vehemence, explicitly refers to the Bermudas as the scene of Prospero's magic and of Stephano's drunken kingdom Even THOMAS MOORE, the Poet, shared this error In a footnote to an Epistle, written in 1804, from the Bermudas, 'to the Marchioness Dowager of D—ll,' Moore says 'Among the many charms which Bermuda has for a poetic eye, we cannot for an instant forget that it is the scene of Shakespeare's *Tempest*, and that he here conjured up the "delicate Ariel," who alone is worth the whole heaven of ancient mythology' Stranger still, Mrs JAMESON (1, 292) says 'The Bermuda Isles, in which Shakespeare has placed the scene of *The Tempest*, were discovered in his time,' &c It was to fetch dew *from* the Bermoothes that Prospero called up Ariel

HUNTER was the first to attempt to give not only a geographical location to this 'vn-inhabited Island,' but also to show, with any degree of minuteness, that there was an island, which, by meeting all requirements, must have been the identical island on which Prospero and Miranda lived so many years In his *Disquisition*, Hunter says that the suggestion that this island is Lampedusa was made to him by Rodd, the bookseller, in his *Illustrations* which came out in 1845, six years after the *Disquisition*, he says that he was told that the suggestion had been already made by Douce By whomsoever the first discovery was made, or from whomsoever the first suggestion was derived, Hunter was the earliest to recount the arguments in favour of Lampedusa, and these arguments are, in the main, as follows Lampedusa's geographical position would meet all the exigencies of the story; sailors from Algiers would conveniently and naturally land Sycorax on its shores, Prospero, if committed to the sea off an Italian coast, and tossed by winds and waves, would most likely drift to Lampedusa, Alonzo, sailing from Tunis and steering for Naples, could be caught in the storm raised by Prospero, and landed on Lampedusa, whose dimensions, about thirteen miles in circuit, are what Prospero's island may be imagined to have had When noticed by Shakespeare's contemporaries, Lampedusa is generally connected with storms, and the Fires of St Elmo are often seen there It was, and still is, a deserted island or nearly so, and is known

The Scene, an vn-inhabited island

among the mariners of the Mediterranean familiarly as the Enchanted Island 'It was never inhabited,' says Captain Smyth, a modern writer, in 1824, 'on account, it is gravely said, of the horrible spectres that haunted it,' and 'on account of the phantasms, spectres, and horrible visions that appear in the night' 'Crusius, in 1584,' adds Hunter, 'has these few words relating to the supernatural appearances

"Noctes ibi spectris tumultuosæ" The 'troglodytic caves' of the rocky coast of Lampedusa supply 'the hard rock' in which Prospero 'stied' Caliban, and furnish 'the cellar' for Stephano's 'whole butt of wine' In Lampedusa there was a hermit's cell—the prototype of Prospero's 'full poor cell' There is another point of resemblance between the real and the ideal island which Hunter pronounces 'too remarkable to be passed over and too peculiar to have existed at all' were there no connection between them, it is, that 'Malta is supplied with fire-wood from Lampedusa' Hence the task which Prospero sets Ferdinand of piling logs, and hence Caliban's continual grumbling over 'the collecting of fire-wood' 'And here we may remark, as illustrating that realization of every scene, and that consistency which runs through all the works of Shakespeare, that they were logs of pine which Ferdinand was employed in piling This does not appear directly in anything which is said, but may be inferred from what Miranda says "When this burns 'Twill weep for having wearied you" Nor is it distinctly affirmed in terms that pine trees were of the natural growth of the island, but we collect it from the fact that it was in a cloven pine that Ariel was imprisoned' Wherefore, in view of all these correspondences, Hunter concludes that it would be 'by no means improper in any future editor of Shakespeare were he to place at the foot of the *Dramatis Personæ* the words,—SCENE, LAMPEDUSA,—just as Verona is put down as the Scene of *Romeo and Juliet*'

It is almost superfluous to remark that no single editor, and of critics but one, has been found who has been willing to exchange Shakespeare's magic island for the troglodytic caves of Hunter's Lampedusa, although we must acknowledge, I think, the ingenuity with which Hunter converts to his advantage the local allusions in the play.

KNIGHT, whose edition followed hard upon Hunter's *Disquisition*, says 'We believe that the poet had no locality whatever in his mind, just as he had no notion of any particular storm Tempests and enchanted islands are of the oldest materials of poetry . We believe the island sunk into the sea, and was no more seen, after Prospero broke his staff and drowned his book'

In COLLIER'S *Further Particulars*, p 56, there is a ballad called *The Enchanted Island*; as it was written evidently later than *The Tempest*, it gives us no help in questions of Date or Plot But as it is alluded to by several editors, I have reprinted it in full in the Appendix One of the concluding stanzas is charming.

'From that date forth the Isle has beene
By wandering sailors never seene
Some say 'tis buried deepe
Beneath the sea, which breakes and rores
Above its savage rockie shores,
Nor ere is knowne to sleepe'

HALLIWELL considers it worthy of remark 'that according to Mr Thoms, there exists amongst the Jews a tradition that the tempest which dispersed the fleet of

The Scene, an vn-inhabited island.

'Charles V off the coast of Lampedusa, was raised by the magical skill of an Algerine Jew, a slight corroborative evidence that this island was the locality in which the tale was at first laid. It is clear [from the instances collected by Hunter] that Lampedusa was exactly the island that would have been selected by a romance-writer of the sixteenth century for the situation of a tale involving the agency of magic and enchantment. When Shakespeare came to adopt some of the circumstances from this ancient source, he heightened the romantic interest of his ideal drama by placing the scene in "an vn-inhabited island," and studiously avoiding all reference to it as having a geographical existence. The few allusions which determine the outline of the narrative to belong to the Mediterranean are not sufficiently historical to demand that the mysterious island of Prospero should be identified, in the play, with any real locality.' Halliwell has, I think, here intimated the true source of whatever correspondences there are to be found between Shakespeare's unreal island and a real island, the oversight, if it be one, in the reference in I, ii, to a son of the Duke of Milan, may be likewise due to the original drama or romance which Shakespeare has here rewritten, or adapted to the stage.

LOWELL (*Among my Books*, 1870, p 199) 'Shakespeare is wont to take some familiar story, to lay his scene in some place the name of which is, at least, familiar,—well knowing the reserve of power that lies in the familiar as a background when things are set in front of it under a new and unexpected light. But in *The Tempest* the scene is laid nowhere, or certainly in no country laid down in any map. Nowhere, then? At once nowhere and anywhere,—for it is in the soul of man, that still-vexed island, hung between the upper and the nether world, and liable to incursions from both.'

The critic, who is referred to above, as the only one willing to follow Hunter in fixing on a real island for Prospero, is THEODOR ELZE, but he repudiates Hunter's navigation. When Prospero was expelled from Milan, argues Elze (*50. Jahrbuch*, xv, p 251), he must have been taken to the nearest seaport, which is Genoa, thence he was drifted southwards in the direction of some island off the African coast. When Alonzo sailed from Tunis to Naples he must have steered north-north-east. Now the point where these two courses intersect will be found to be pretty near a group of islands, and, supposing that shortly after leaving Tunis Alonzo's fleet was struck by a westerly storm and driven farther to the east, we shall see that he must have been wrecked on the island Pantalarea. Hunter's Lampedusa, urges Elze, is too far to the east to permit of the assumption that when Sycorax was banished from Argier she was carried past the nearer island to the further one. Just as Hunter found that Lampedusa answered to every need of the drama, so Elze finds Pantalarea equally responsive with its fresh springs, brine-pits, barren place and fertile, and if Lampedusa has the advantage in its being deserted, Pantalarea surpasses it in the name of the town, 'Seiaxghihir, which, at all events, suggests by assonance the name of Sycorax.' Furthermore, on the opposite coast of Africa, between Tunis and Hammamet, stands the town of Calibia, known as such from the days of Diego Ribeyro's chart in 1529. 'Whence we have the simplest and most natural explanation of the name of Caliban, that is, an inhabitant of Calibia, instead of the far-fetched and wonderful metathesis of Cannibal. And when all this lay so near to the scene of his drama why should Shakespeare, who, forsooth, connected Tunis with Carthage and Widow Dido, have to devise, out of an American word, a name that all the while lay ready to his hand?'

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| <i>Alonso, K. of Naples.</i> | 3 |
| <i>Sebastian his Brother</i> | |
| <i>Prospero, the right Duke of Millaine</i> | 5 |
| <i>Antonio his brother, the usurping Duke of Millaine.</i> | |
| <i>Ferdinand, Son to the King of Naples</i> | |
| <i>Gonzalo, an honest old Councillor.</i> | 8 |

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| 3. K] King Ff | 6 the Millaine] usurper of his Do |
| 4. Sebastian] Sebastain F ₃ | minion Cap |
| 5 right] rigat F ₃ rightfull Theob | 8 honest] honest F ₄ |
| 5, 6 Millaine] Millan Rowe Milan | Councillor] Counsellor of Naples |
| Pope | Theob |

Perhaps BELL should be mentioned as one who gives a locality to Prospero's island. In his *Shakespeare's Puck* (11, 308) he gives his opinion, without any reasons for it, that 'it could only have been Corcyra which was intended.'

SIR EDWARD STRACHEY (*Quarterly Rev* July, 1890, p 117) What a charming place the island must have been if we take it as it was seen by those in whom the eye of poetry, romance, and love was open, by old Gonzalo as well as by young Ferdinand, nay, even by the monster Caliban, who has always a touch of poetry in him!

Think of the land in which, as in their proper home, Prospero addresses the spirits of earth, air, and sea. Think of Ariel, the very genius of the isle, with the cowslip's bell for a home, its honey for food, and the bee and the bat for his fellows in work or in play. Let us think of all this, and then see if this island, lying in the blue Mediterranean, somewhere between Naples and Tunis, under that deep Italian sky, must not have been (as the Neapolitan says of his own lovely shore) 'a piece of heaven fallen upon earth,' a true Atlantis of Poesy!

5, 12 Prospero, Stephano] *Every Man in his Humour* was acted at The Rose in 1595 or 1596, and, in a list of the actors, Jonson gives merely the name 'Will Shakespeare,' without specifying the character assumed, two of these characters, in the 4th edition of the play, are Prospero and Stephano—FARMER uses this latter fact as an argument that *The Tempest* was certainly of a later date than *The Mer of Venice*, in which 'the pronunciation of Stephano' is 'always wrong,' but in *The Tempest*, after having been taught by Jonson in *Every Man in his Humour*, Shakespeare uses Stephano 'always right.'—HALLIWELL thinks that this statement is too strong, seeing that the indications of the accent, Stephano, in the *Tempest* are 'exceedingly indistinct', which is true, the indications are indistinct, and yet in one instance (which is quite enough for Farmer) the accent is as decided as could be wished—'Is not | this Stéph | and | my drùnk | en Bütler?'—V, 1, 329—MALONE thinks it not improbable that 'our poet' had in his thoughts Dent's trans of the *History of Philippe de Comines*, 1526, p 293, where an account is given of Alphonso or Alonzo of Naples, and his son Ferdinand, when they were assailed by Charles VIII of France. On p 294 reference is made to 'Cardinal Ascoigne, brother to the Duke of Milan and Prospero Calonne'; and a little lower down on the same page there is mention of 'Lord Galcot de Mirandala.' 'Did not,' asks Malone, 'these personages suggest the names of Prospero and (by contraction) Miranda? Prospero, however, had before been introduced into *Every Man in his Humour*, and was, indeed, the name of a riding-master in London in Shakespeare's time, who was probably a Neapolitan.'

3, 4, 6, 7, 8 Alonso, Sebastian, Antonio, Ferdinand, Gonzalo] MALONE

Adrian, & Francisco, Lords.

Caliban, a salvage and deformed slave.

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Trinculo, a Iester

9 Francisco] Francisco, son to the usurping Duke of Milan Sta conj

suggests Eden's *History of Travaille*, 1577 (wherein Shakespeare found the name of the god Setebos), as the probable source of all these names

8 Gonzalo] In five places, in *F*, this is spelled Gonzallo, viz II, 1, 290, III, iii, 2, V, 1, 74, V, 1, 80, V, 1, 242—ED

9 Francisco] See STAUNTON's hypothesis, I, ii, 509

4, 10 Anthonio, Trinculo] W. A. WRIGHT refers to the use of these two names by Tomkis in his play of *Albumazar*, 1614-15, as incidentally favouring the supposition that *The Tempest* was a comparatively recent play at that time—THE ELZE (*Jahrb* xv, 253) Trinculo from *trincare*, *trincone*, clearly points to the preference for bottles and beakers

10 Caliban] Dr FARMER's derivation of this name as merely a metathesis of Cannibal has been generally accepted To me it is unsatisfactory There should be, I think, something in the descriptions of cannibals, either of their features or of their natures, to indicate some sort of fellowship with a monster like Caliban No such description has been pointed out None of the manifold accounts of early voyages to the Caribbean Sea, as far as I have been able to discover, attributes to cannibals any other characteristic than that of eating human flesh, it is their one constant quality Moreover, Shakespeare needed none of this help in vivifying his characters, which the mere extrinsic associations of a name could supply What name soever he gave to Caliban, the deformed slave would have made it typical for all time. Is it likely, moreover, that, when *The Tempest* was acted before the motley audience of the Globe Theatre, there was a single auditor who, on hearing Prospero speak of Caliban, bethought him of the Caribbean Sea, and instantly surmised that the name was a metathesis of Cannibal? Under this impression, the appearance of the monster without a trace of his bloodthirsty characteristic must have been disappointing. Other derivations of the name have been proposed, but none of them, I think, with better success In *N & Qu* 3d S vi, p 202, H C thinks that 'it is possible that 'Shakespeare was acquainted with parts of the story of the Ramayana,' and in that case Caliban would be '*Kalee-ban*, meaning the satyr of Kalee, the Hindoo Proserpine'—Dr NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 4th S i, p 291) thinks that 'Perhaps, too, the origin of the name is to be found in the Caribs of the isles and the Spanish main 'rather than in the transposition of the syllables of the word cannibal'—In *N & Qu* 4th S. vii, p 56, T E WINNINGTON asks 'if *κελέβη*, a drinking-cup, can have suggested the name'—PHILLPOTTS (p xviii) remarks that Caliban's name can hardly have any more connection with the word *Cannibal* than 'his nature has The mention of his mother's country points to a Moorish origin for his name, which may 'possibly be the *Kalebôn*, or "vile dog," of Arabic slang'—Finally, THE ELZE (*Jahrb* xv, 252), in a passage which is quoted above in the discussion of the location of the 'vn-inhabited Island' suggests, with, what I must confess seems to be, more plausibility than any other suggestion, that the name comes from the region called Calibia on the Moorish coast In this case, I think, Shakespeare possibly inherited the name from the old story or drama which is the foundation of this play.—ED

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| <i>Stephano, a drunken Butler.</i> | 12 |
| <i>Master of a Ship.</i> | |
| <i>Boate-Swaine</i> | |
| <i>Marriners</i> | 15 |
| <i>Miranda, daughter to Prospero.</i> | |
| <i>Ariell, an ayrie spirit</i> | 17 |

16 *Miranda*] MAIONE, in a foregoing note, queries whether *Miranda* be not a contraction of *Mirandala*. Such a contraction is neither likely nor needed. An 'Earl of *Miranda*,' apparently a prominent courtier at the Court of Spain, is mentioned (Winwood's *Memorials*, II, 312) by James's ambassador at Madrid, Sir George Cornwallis, in a letter to the Earl of Salisbury, in 1607. This fact shows merely that the name is not an invention of Shakespeare.—ED

17 *Ariell*] MALONE. A name taken from the sacred writings 'Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt'—*Isaiah* xxix, 1. See also the fourth and sixth verses, which may have particularly struck our author, and induced him thus to denominate Prospero's principal ministering spirit 'And thou [*Ariel*] shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground,'—'Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of Hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and with great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire' [After reading this note, one almost doubts if Malone, when he wrote it, had read the play.—ED]—HUNTER (I, 181) 'An airy spirit' says the old *personæ*, whence perhaps the choice of the name, which literally signifies the Lion of God, or the Strong Lion, and is used by the prophet *Isaiah* as a personation of the city of Jerusalem.—THOMS (*Three Notelets*, p. 21) That Shakespeare learned the name of *Ariel* from his Bible, and selected it from the resemblance its sound bore to the character of his quaint spirit, and that some of the feats and attributes of that spirit were suggested by the words of *Isaiah*, is extremely probable, but, at the same time, it is important to know, as confirmatory of the Hebraistic character of this glorious play, that *Ariel* not only answers to the description of the Jewish spirits, *Schedim*, but that *Ariel* is the name of one of the seven princes of angels or spirits who preside over waters under Michael the arch-prince. Heywood [Notes on Bk IV, *Hierarchy of the Blessed Angels*] furnishes us with the following illustration of the belief upon which the character and agency of *Ariel* in *The Tempest* is founded 'Saint Augustine, in his booke *De Cognitione Verae Vitæ*, is persuaded that spirits by God's permission can raise Stormes and Tempests, and command raine, hail, snow, thunder, and light ening at their pleasures'—STAUNTON. According to the system of witchcraft or magic which formed an article of popular creed in Shakespeare's day, the elementary spirits were divided into six classes by some demonologists, and into four,—those of the *Air*, of the *Water*, of the *Fire*, and of the *Earth*,—by others. . . . *Ariel* is here called 'an ayrie spirit'. The particular functions of this order of beings, Burton tells us, are to cause 'many tempests, thunder, and lightnings, tear oaks, fire steeples, houses, strike men and beasts, make it rain stones, &c., cause whirlwinds on a sudden, and tempestuous storms.' But at the behest of the all-powerful magician Prospero, or by his own influence and potency, the airy spirit in a twink becomes not only a spirit of fire,—one of those, according to the same authority, which 'commonly work by blazing stars, fire drakes, or *ignes fatui*, . . . counterfeit suns and moons, stars

NAMES OF THE ACTORS 7

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| <i>Iris</i> | } | <i>Spirits.</i> | 18 |
| <i>Ceres</i> | | | |
| <i>Iuno</i> | | | 20 |
| <i>Nymphes</i> | | | |
| <i>Reapers</i> | | | 22 |

20 Spirits] Spirits, employ'd in the 22 Other spirits, attending on Pros
 Masque Theob presented by Spirits pero added by Theob
 Cam.

oftentimes, and sit upon ship masts,'—but a *naiad* or spirit of the water also, in fact, assumes any shape, and is visible or unseen at will—W A WRIGHT The word occurs as the name of a man in *Ezra viii, 16*

THE TEMPEST.

Actus primus, Scena prima.

A tempestuous noise of Thunder and Lightning heard. Enter a Ship-master, and a Botefwaine.

Master.

Botefwaine. 5
Botef. Heere Master . What cheere ?
Maſt. Good : Speake to th' Mariners . fall
 too't, yarely, or we run our felues a ground,
 beſtirre, beſtirre. 9
Exit.

1 Scena] Scena F₂
 2, 3 A tempeſtuouſ, &c] On a Ship
 at Sea A tempeſtuouſ, &c Pope A
 Ship at Sea A great Storm with Thun-
 der and Lightning Cap
 Enter a] Enter F₃F₄. Enter,
 upon Deck, a Cap. Enter . ſeverally
 Dyce.

3 Botefwaine] Botefwaine, as on ſhip-
 board ſhaking off wet Coll MS
 4 Maſter] Maſter, F₄
 5. *Botefwaine*] *Botefwaine* F₄
 7 *Good*] *Good*, Rowe+, Wh et ſeq
Good. Coll
too't,] *to't*, Pope, Han *to't* Theob +
 Steev Var Knt, Coll Dyce
 8 *a ground*] *a-ground* F₃F₄.

1 Actus, &c] COLERIDGE (*Notes*, p 85). *The Tempeſt* is a ſpecimen of the purely romantic drama, in which the intereſt is not hiſtorical, or dependent upon fidelity of portraiture, or the natural connection of events, but is a birth of the imagination and reſts only on the co-aptation and union of the elements granted to, or assumed by, the poet It is a ſpecies of drama which owes no allegiance to time or ſpace, and in which, therefore, errors of chronology and geography,—no mortal ſins in any ſpecies,—are venial faults and count for nothing It addreſſes itſelf entirely to the imaginative faculty, and although the illuſion may be aſſiſted by the effect on the ſenſes of the complicated ſcenery and decorations of modern times, yet this ſort of aſſiſtance is dangerous For the principal and only genuine excitement ought to come from within,—from the moved and ſympathetic imagination, whereas, where ſo much is addreſſed to the mere external ſenſes of ſeeing and hearing, the ſpiritual viſion is apt to languish, and the attraction from without will withdraw the mind from

[Actus Primus]

the proper and only legitimate interest, which is intended to spring from within. The romance opens with a busy scene admirably appropriate to the kind of drama, and giving, as it were, the key-note of the whole harmony. It prepares and initiates the excitement required for the entire piece, and yet does not demand anything from the spectators, which their previous habits had not fitted them to understand. It is the bustle of a tempest from which the real horrors are abstracted, therefore it is poetical, though not in strictness natural, and is purposely restrained from concentrating the interest in itself, but used merely as an induction or tuning for what is to follow — *IBID* (*Seven Lectures*, &c p 109) In this play, Shakespeare has especially appealed to the imagination, and he has constructed a plot well adapted to the purpose. According to his scheme, he did not appeal to any sensuous impression (the word 'sensuous' is authorised by Milton) of time and place, but to the imagination, and it is to be borne in mind that of old and as regards mere scenery, his works may be said to have been recited rather than acted,—that is to say, description and narration supplied the place of visual exhibition: the audience were told to fancy that they saw what they only heard described, the painting was not in colours, but in words. This is particularly to be noticed in the first scene,—a storm and its confusion on board the king's ship. The highest and the lowest characters are brought together, and with what excellence! Much of the genius of Shakespeare is displayed in these happy combinations,—the highest and the lowest, the gayest and the saddest, he is not droll in one scene and melancholy in another, but often both the one and the other in the same scene. Laughter is made to swell the tear of sorrow, and to throw, as it were, a poetic light upon it, while the tear mingles tenderness with the laughter. Shakespeare has evinced the power, which above all other men he possessed, of introducing the profoundest sentiments of wisdom where they would be least expected, yet where they are most truly natural. One admirable secret of his art is, that separate speeches frequently do not appear to have been occasioned by those which preceded, and which are consequent upon each other, but to have arisen out of the peculiar character of the speaker — *SIR EDWARD STRACHEY* (*Quarterly Rev.* July, 1890, p 116) Although *The Tempest* was neither the earliest nor the last of Shakespeare's Plays, it was by a happy, if perhaps unconscious, intuition that the editors of the First Folio put it at the head of their volume. It is a mimic, magic tempest which we are to see: a tempest raised by Art, to work moral ends with actual men and women, and then to sink into a calm. And in such a storm and calm we have the very idea of a Play or Drama, the fitting specimen and frontispiece of the whole volume of Plays before us.

4, 5 Master Bote-swaine] Capt John Smith in his *Accidence for Young Seamen*, 1626 (p 789, ed Arber), says that 'The Maister and his Mate is to direct the course, command all the Saylor's, for steering, trimming, and sayling the Ship' On p 790, 'The Boteswaine is to haue the charge of all the Cordage, tackling, sailes, fids, and marling spikes, needles, twine and saile-cloth, and rigging of the shippe' — *ED*

5-18 In the *New Sh Soc Trans* 1874, Pt II, p 277, SIMPSON cites these lines, which he divides into trochaic and dactylic measures, as an instance of Shakespeare's rhythmical prose

7 Good] DYCE Compare what presently follows,—'Nay, good, be patient' and 'Good, yet remember whom thou hast aboard' ('Good' meaning 'Good friend,' or 'Good fellow') Here those who follow F₁ forget that this is one of the passages in

[7 Good]

the Folio where the colon is equivalent to a comma,—and make the Master reply that *the cheer* is 'good,' while in the same breath he says that they are in danger of running aground—HUDSON 'Good' here carries something of an evasive force, as, 'Let that go,' or 'No matter for that'—PHILLPOTTS This is equivalent to 'I am glad you are at hand', not referring to 'friend' or 'fellow' understood [It is very certain that Dyce is right and that 'Good' does not refer to 'cheer', its full meaning, both here and where it occurs afterwards, may then be safely left to private judgment I incline, in the present case, to the interpretation of Phillpotts—ED]

7, 8 fall . ground] 'In this naval dialogue,' said Dr JOHNSON, 'perhaps the first example of sailor's language exhibited on the stage, there are, as I have been told by a skilful navigator, some inaccuracies and contradictory orders' MALONE, according to BOSWELL, received, through Sir George Beaumont, the following 'most satisfactory refutation' of Dr Johnson's criticism, from the second Lord Mulgrave The first scene of *The Tempest* is a very striking instance of the great accuracy of Shakespeare's knowledge in a professional science, the most difficult to attain without the help of experience He must have acquired it by conversation with some of the most skilful seamen of that time [Mention here follows of Smith's *Accidence*, 1626, and Manwaring's *Seaman's Dictionary*, the earliest on the subject, to show how difficult it was, at that time, to acquire from books any knowledge of seamanship] It is a curious circumstance that Shakespeare should have been so fortunate in his instructor, and so correct in the application of his knowledge—The succession of events is strictly observed in the natural progress of the distress described, the expedients adopted are the most proper that could have been devised for a chance of safety and it is neither to the want of skill of the seamen or the bad qualities of the ship, but solely to the power of Prospero, that the shipwreck is to be attributed—The words of command are not only strictly proper, but are only such as point to the object to be attained, and no superfluous ones of detail Shakespeare's ship was too well manned to make it necessary to tell the seamen how they were to do it, as well as what they were to do—He has shown a knowledge of the new improvements, as well as the doubtful points of seamanship, one of the latter he has introduced, under the only circumstances in which it was indisputable—The events certainly follow too near one another for the strict time of representation, but perhaps, if the whole length of the play was divided by the time allowed by the critics, the portion allotted to this scene might not be too little for the whole But he has taken care to mark intervals between the different operations by exits—[The different operations are successively explained and will be found in their due place in the commentary On the present passage is the following comment.] Land discovered under the lee the wind blowing too fresh to haul upon a wind with the topsail set This first command is therefore a notice to be ready to execute any orders quickly

8 yarely] STEEVENS· That is, readily, nimbly Our author is frequent in his use of this word—MALONE 'Yare' is used as an adjective in V, 1, 267—SKEAT, Anglosaxon, *gearu, gearo*, ready, quick, prompt—W A WRIGHT Ray gives it as a Suffolk word, and in the speech of the Lowestoft boatman at this day, 'hear, hear' is probably only a disguised form of 'yare, yare'—BR NICHOLSON (in *New Sp Soc Trans* 1880-2, Pt 1, p 56) notes, that 'yare' is used 'four times by Shakespeare as a nautical term, and four times as a land one'; and gives an instance from Harsnet's *Popish Impostures* 1603, p 143, where the two terms in the phrase 'yare and ready' seem equivalent

Enter Mariners

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Botes. Heigh my hearts, cheerely, cheerely my haits
yare, yare. Take in the toppe-fale Tend to th'Masters
whistle Blow till thou burst thy winde, if roome e-
nough.

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11 *Heigh]* Hey F₃F₄F₄, Rowe + my hearts, cheerly, Cap

my hearts, cheerely,] my hearts,

14 [Exeunt mariners, aloft Cap

11 hearts] DEIGHTON 'My hearties' is still a term in use among sailors

12, 13 toppe-sale . . roome enough] MULGRAVE The topsail is taken in
'Blow till thou burst thy wind, if room enough' The danger in a good sea-boat is
only from being too near the land this is introduced here to account for the next
order [in line 43] —W A WRIGHT gives us some observations to the same effect,
made to him by his friend, Captain E K CALVER, R N, a name well known, in
naval circles, to both hemispheres 'The craft is in a storm, and the Boatswain's
anxiety is evidently not about the strength of the wind, but the room at disposal,—
"Blow till thou burst thy wind, if room enough"'

13 whistle] ANON (*Shakespeare, a Seaman, St James's Mag* July, 1862) A
silver whistle, suspended from the neck by a lanyard, is the modern boatswain's badge
of office, and it is familiarly termed his *call* But in Shakespeare's days, and long
before, a great whistle (not of silver, but of virgin gold) was the honourable ensign
of a naval commander, even of the highest rank The celebrated Sir Edward How-
ard, Lord High Admiral in the reign of Bluff King Hal, died a glorious death whilst
in the act of boarding an enemy's ship, and 'when he saw the danger to which he
was exposed, he took his chain of gold nobles, which hung about his neck, and his
great gold whistle, the ensign of his office, and threw them into the sea, to prevent
the enemy from possessing the spoils of an English Admiral'

13 Blow . . winde] SYMPSON (according to HEATH, p 1), conceiving that this
phrase lacked dignity, believed that it should read 'Blow, till thou burst thee, wind'
an emendation which apparently struck STEEVENS so favourably that in advocating it,
he forgot to mention Sympson's name, and so has received the credit of it ever since
—Dr JOHNSON proposed 'Blow, till thou burst, wind,' &c, and RANN, 'Blow, till
thou burst, thou wind' In Rann's edition conjectural readings are printed simply
in Italics, without naming the author The conjecture just cited, therefore, should in
strict correctness be given as ANONYMOUS, but to save space both here and hereafter
all these conjectures of unknown origin I shall incontinently attribute to Rann
Whatever obscurity befalls Englishmen in this phrase envelops with manifold
blackness our German brothers, so profoundly, indeed, in the case of Dr SCHUMANN
(*Prog d Thomasschule in Leipzig*, 1876, p 28, n) that for him light is to be found
only in interpreting the phrase as addressed by the Boatswain not to the Wind, but,
with a stroke of 'gallows-humour' (*galgenhumoristische*), to the Master, whose whistle
is not quite up to the emergency. 'Naturally,' adds the author, 'the words are to be
supposed as spoken aside' When will our German brothers, for whose æsthetic criti-
cisms we hope to be always duly grateful, learn that as regards the text of Shakespeare
it is 'Hands off'? Where the best of Englishmen fail, it is worse than useless for Ger-
mans to attempt 'Wind' has survived in the Prize Ring to this hour, in the sense of
lungs, and if this word had been used by Shakespeare here, we should have lost the
grim humour of the passage and perhaps have been spared this superfluous note —EJ

*Enter Alonso, Sebastian, Antonio, Ferdinando,
Gonzalo, and others* 15

Alon Good Botefwaine haue care : where's the Ma-
ster ? Play the men.

Botef. I pray now keepe below

Anth. Where is the Master, Boson ? 20

Botef. Do you not heare him ? you marre our labour,
Keepe your Cabines · you do asist the storme.

Gonz. Nay, good be patient.

Botef. When the Sea is hence, what cares these roa- 24

15 *Ferdinando*] *Ferdinand Rowe et* *him ? you do hence King ? us not*
seq *aboard Walker (Crit 1, 15)*

17 *haue care*] *have a care Dryden,* 22 *you do asist*] *you assist Pope,*
Coll 11 (MS) *Han*

18 *Play*] *Ply Upton, Quincy MS* 24 *hence,*] *hence Rowe Hence—*

20 *Boson*] *Ff, Rowe 1, Knt, Wh Sta* *Theob Hence! Johns*
boatswain Rowe 11 et cet *cares*] *Ff, Cam Glo Wr Wh 11,*

20-27 *As verse, lines ending heare* *Dtn care Rowe et cet*

15. *Enter, &c*] *COLLIER* (ed 11) 'From the cabin,' says the MS the characters most likely ascended through a trap-door

18 *Play the men*] *STEEVENS* That is, act with spirit So in Chapman's *Iliad*, Bk 11 '—thou shalt know what souldiers play the men, And what the cowards'—*MALONE* So in *2 Samuel* x, 12 'let us play the men for our people'

20 *Boson*] *KNIGHT* thinks that this variation from the usual 'Botefwaine' can be scarcely accidental It is used by the usurping Duke, whose language is, for the most part, flippant and familiar, while that of the King is throughout the play grave and dignified But *DYCE* (*Remarks*, p 1) says that this 'variation' arose merely from the unsettled state of our early orthography, and gives, as proof, a prose tract of Taylor, *The Dolphin's Danger*, &c, where within a page or two the word is spelled *Boatswaine*, *Boatson*, and *Boson*—*GRANT WHITE* (ed 1), however, is not satisfied, and asks. Is it not very strange that throughout this scene the abbreviated prefix is invariably 'Botes,' and that although the word occurs eight times in the text and stage-directions of the Folio, it is in every case spelled at full length, except where it is used by this coarse and flippant man, who, even to secure the attention of his fellow-conspirator about their plot, is obliged to say to him, 'I am more serious than is my wont' ? So fortunate an accident should not be amended [It certainly should not be amended, but whether or not the use of it betokens 'coarseness' and 'flippancy' is doubtful—*ED*]

22 *the storm*] *STEEVENS*: So, *Pericles*, III, 1, 19, 'do not assist the storm'—*W. A. WRIGHT*. The coincidence between the two plays is remarkable. [Few readers of Shakespeare will forego the pleasure of comparing this scene with the first fifty lines of *Pericles*, III, 1—*ED*]

24 *cares*] For similar instances, in this play, where a singular verb precedes a plural subject, see I, 11, 562, IV, 1, 292, V, 1, 258 For instances in other plays, see *ABBOTT*, § 335 This class might, perhaps, be differentiated from that wherein a plural nominative is followed by a singular verb, a class too large to be set down as

rrers for the name of King ? to Cabine, silence trouble 25
vs not.

Gon. Good, yet remember whom thou haft aboard.

Botef. None that I more loue then my felfe. You are
a Counsellor, if you can command thefe Elements to si-
lence, and worke the peace of the present, wee will not 30
hand a rope more, vfe your authoritie If you cannot,
giue thanks you haue liu'd fo long, and make your
felfe readie in your Cabine for the mifchance of the
houre, if it fo hap. Cheerely good hearts out of our
way I fay. *Exit* 35

Gon. I haue great comfort from this fellow : methinks

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| 27 | <i>Good,</i>] <i>Good</i> Pope | (withdrawn) |
| 28 | <i>None</i>] <i>None</i> , Theob Warb Johns | 30 <i>of the</i>] <i>o'the</i> Cap (Errata) |
| | <i>more loue</i>] <i>love more</i> Han | 31 <i>hand</i>] <i>handle</i> Johns Var '73, Var |
| 30 | <i>peace</i>] <i>prease</i> or <i>press</i> Warb conj | '78 |

misprints, and, perhaps, not large enough to substantiate Abbott's theory that we have here a relic of the old Northern plural in *s*. Both classes combined show, I think, that Elizabethan ears simply were not as sensitive as ours to the distinction between the singular and plural. It is not a hundred years ago that excellent writers used 'you was'. Miss Berry must have heard it frequently from Horace Walpole, who constantly uses it in his Letters. To our ears now it is abhorrent. Grant White occasionally attributes this discordant use of the singular and plural to mere carelessness on Shakespeare's part, which is doubtful. First, it is quite as likely, except where it is necessitated by the rhyme, to be the language of the compositor as of Shakespeare, and, secondly, for the reason I have just given. See 'My old bones akes,' III, iii, 5, and 'His teares runs downe,' V, i, 20—ED

24 *roarers*] W A WRIGHT A blustering bully, in Shakespeare's time 'A lady to turn roarer, and break glasses'—Massinger, *The Renegado*, I, iii

25 *To Cabine*] See ABBOTT, § 90, for other instances for the omission of *the* after prepositions

30 *peace of the present*] THEOBALD That is, peace on the present, at this instant—ABBOTT, § 176: 'Of' signifying *coming from*, *belonging to*, when used with time, signifies *during*—STEEVENS 'That is, of the present *instant*' In *Notes & Queries* 6th S viii, 464, INGLEBY gives a conjecture by BRAE, viz that 'present' is a misprint for *tempest*. 'Save *t—m* for *r—n* it is an anagram,' says the former, 'and it is the title of the play . . . This I deem one of the finest and most unquestionable of all emendations of the text that the learning and sagacity of the critics have given us' [The triumph might be great if the contest were severe, but the text as it stands is perfectly intelligible, and any change whatsoever is quite needless. In construction the phrase is exactly parallel to 'the mischance of the hour' three lines further on, and that no one would think of changing—ED]

36 *Gon*] JOHNSON It may be observed of Gonzalo, that, being the only good man that appears with the King, he is the only man that preserves his cheerfulness in the wreck and his hope on the island—COLERIDGE (*Seven Lectures*, &c p 111).

he hath no drowning marke vpon him, his complexion
 is perfect Gallowes stand fast good Fate to his hang- 37
 ing, make the rope of his destiny our cable, for our
 owne doth little aduantage If he be not borne to bee 4C
 hang'd, our cafe is miserable. *Exit.*

Enter Boateswaine.

Boates. Downe with the top-Mast : yare, lower, lower, 43

41 *Exit*] *Exeunt* Theob

42 *Enter*] *Re-enter* Pope et seq

An ordinary dramatist would, after this speech, have represented Gonzalo as moralising, or saying something connected with the Boatswain's language, for ordinary dramatists are not men of genius, they combine their ideas by association, or by logical affinity, but the vital writer, who makes men on the stage what they are in nature, in a moment transports himself into the very being of each personage, and, instead of cutting out artificial puppets, he brings before us the men themselves. In this part of the scene we see the true sailor with his contempt of danger, and the old counsellor with his high feeling, who, instead of condescending to notice the words just addressed to him, turns off, meditating with himself, and drawing some comfort to his own mind by trifling with the ill expression of the boatswain's face, founding upon it a hope of safety—HALLIWELL (p 12) This speech is extracted by Cotgrave in his *English Treasury*, 1655, with several unauthorised alterations, e g 'I have great comfort from this fellow *in this danger* mark *about* him doth little *help us*'

38 Gallowes] Cotgrave (s v Noyer) 'Hee that's borne to be hanged needs feare no drowning'

39 cable] HOLT extols the excellence of the sea-terms and sea-phrases used throughout this scene, 'for, unless where Gonzalo mentions the "cable" (which is of no use but when the ship is at anchor, and here it is plain that they are under sail), there is not one improperly used' There is no exception here, 'cable' is used strictly in its technical sense Gonzalo's hopes were anchored on the Boatswain's gallows complexion, and the cable of that anchor was the hangman's rope—ED

43, &c MAGINN, in an admirable Review of Farmer's *Essay* (a Review which appeared in Sept, Oct, Dec, 1839, in *Fraser*, and is far too little known), expresses his conviction, founded on the present passage, and, in fact, on this whole scene, that Shakespeare had read Rabelais, and read him, too, in the original; in Shakespeare's time, Rabelais had not been translated Maginn contends that Shakespeare was familiar with French, and adduces in proof what he asserts to be the similarity between this scene and the tempest in Liv IV, chap xviii-xxii, of Rabelais (Attention was called to this similarity in 1754 by GREY, 1, 7) The brawling boatswain in the present play, says Maginn, 'is evidently taken from Friar John There is the same emergency, the same riotous courage, bristling energy, and contempt for the apprehensions of others' Like Gonzalo, Friar John, also, takes comfort in the thought that Panurge is born to be hanged Gonzalo's wish for 'an acre of barren ground,' &c is taken, so thinks Maginn, from Panurge's 'Pleust a Dieu ie fusse en terre ferme bien a mon ayse' O que troys et quatre foyes heureux sont ceulx qui plantent choulx,' &c The drift of opinion in these later days is certainly towards Maginn's position, and opposed to Farmer with his proofs of

bring her to Try with Maine-course A plague—— 44

44 *her to Try*] F.F., Sing *her to*, Wh
 try Wh *her too Try* Wilson *her to* 44-48 As verse, lines ending *plague*
 try F., et cet *than again! down? sink?* Walker
with] *with the Heath* *wi' th'* (Crit 1, 15)

Shakespeare's ignorance But I cannot think that Maginn is strengthened by his present claim In the five chapters devoted to the storm, Rabelais runs riot, with his wildest humour, in every phrase or word connected with a ship, a storm, or the sea, every conceivable command in the management of a ship, no matter how contradictory, is there shrieked forth with all the lawlessness of the wind If Maginn had asserted that Dryden in his Version of the *Tempest* had imitated Rabelais, there could be no contradiction,—both Dryden and Rabelais are equally absurd The mere fact that Shakespeare's sea-craft is perfect forbids the belief that he obtained it from Rabelais Unquestionably there are many parallelisms to be found in Shakespeare and Rabelais KOENIG (*Sh Jahrb* ix, 195) has collected a number of them, and more are yet to be found The final list, however, cannot, I am afraid, contain the present scene—ED

43, 44 Downe course] MULGRAVE The gale increasing, the topmast is struck to take the weight from aloft, make the ship drift less to leeward, and bear the mainsail under which the ship is laid to The striking of topmasts was a new invention in Shakespeare's time, which he here very properly introduces Sir Henry Manwaring says, 'It is not yet agreed amongst all seamen, whether it is better for a ship to hull with her topmast up or down' In the Postscript to the *Dictionary*, he afterwards gives his own opinion 'If you have sea room, it is never good to strike the topmast' Shakespeare has placed his ship in the situation in which it was indisputably right to strike the topmast, when he had not sea room [See line 57]—CALVER The special danger was that of being cast upon, or pressed upon, a lee shore, and like a good sailor the Boatswain did that which any good sailor would do in the present day, he struck those masts which would be a hindrance to his getting off a lee shore (from their producing resistance and not propulsion), and set that canvas which would help to safety 'Down with the topmast' that is, strike or lower the topmast down to the cap, as it holds wind and retards the ship, and evidently the main topmast, as only one is mentioned It is to be noted that the illustrations of ships of the period generally represent them without a fore topmast. 'Yare, yare' carefully and quickly, 'lower, lower' the topmast Rigged as vessels now are—with long topmasts and short slings and trusses—a course, or square mainsail or foresail, could not be set with the topmast struck or lowered, but with the carracks or rudimentary ships of Elizabeth's age (and it is probable Shakespeare's ship was one of them), with their short or pole-like topmasts, and lower yards slung a third of the mast down, such an operation would be comparatively easy 'Bring her to try with main-course' The main-course and mainsail are one and the same, and the reason the Boatswain wanted this set was because it is a sail of great size in the body of the ship, and propelled by it the ship quickens her rate, keeps closer to (or in the direction of) the wind, and makes less lee-way (or drift) 'Bring her to try with main-course,' that is, see if she will bear the main-course and whether it will be sufficient, but in a little time, as the occasion seemed to be more urgent and the effect of the single sail unsatisfactory, the Boatswain cries, 'Lay her a-hold, a-hold' &c [See line 57]

A cry within Enter Sebastian, Antonio & Gonzalo.

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vpon this howling they are lowder then the weather.
or our office : yet againe? What do you heerie? Shal we
giue ore and drowne, haue you a minde to finke?

Sebas A poxe o'your throat, you bawling, blasphemous incharitable Dog.

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45 A cry, &c] After *howling*, line 46,
Pope et seq

47 *office yet*] *office Yet* Rowe et
seq

Enter] Re-enter. Theob After
office, line 47, Cap et seq

50 *incharitable*] *uncharitable* Rowe
+, Sing

43 lower, lower] In a communication to the *Phila Sh Soc* Admiral DUPONT said that 'lower' would be interpreted, he thought, by a seaman, as an imperative—
1 e lower away!—ED

44 bring her to] GRANT WHITE (ed 1) As this is here printed nothing could be more awkward, even if it were correct But, as Mr W W Story suggested to me, the Boatswain's order is, plainly, that the vessel shall be brought to, and by the main course, or main sail The Folio text is clear enough in this regard, although the point after 'to,' is omitted [See Halliwell's quotation from Capt Smyth at the end of the next note]

44 Try with Maine-course] CAPELL (iii, 7) This phrase receives seemingly confirmation from Hakluyt's *Voyages*, 1598, i, 277 'and when the barke had way, we cut the hawser, and so gate the sea to our friend, and tryed out al that day with our maine course'—HALLIWELL adds another quotation from Hakluyt, iii, 848 'we sometimes tried under our maine coarse'—STEEVENS This phrase occurs also in Smith's *Sea Grammar*, 1627, p 40, under the article 'How to handle a Ship in a Storme Let us lie at Trie with our maine course, that is, to hale the tacke aboard, the sheat close aft, the boling set up, and the helme tied close aboard'—HALLIWELL 'To try,' says Captain Smyth, 'is a sound phrase, it means to lay the ship with her side close to the wind, and lash the tiller to the lee-side' The literal meaning would be, to work with the main sail, but the nautical one implies something more

44 Maine-course] Capt John Smith, in his *Accidence for Young Sea-men*, 1626 (p 795, ed Arber), gives in his enumeration of sails 'The maine saile, the fore sayle called sometimes the fore course, the main course or a paire of courses,' &c

44 A plague——] BR NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 3d S xi, 251) It has been generally supposed that this long dash has been misplaced, and is intended as a mark of interruption But it is never so used throughout the play, and its intent has, I think, been misunderstood Sebastian immediately afterwards replies, '—you bawling, blasphemous, incharitable dog' Now it is remarkable that, contrary to this and contrary to the custom of boatswains and sailors, our boatswain has never yet brought out a single curse or oath Hence, I believe that, as elsewhere, the —— represents words omitted in the printing, or left by the author to the gagging of the actor, and that in our present instance it represents oaths or curses, the introduction of which, according to the statute, was illegal There are no less than five omissions so marked in Middleton's *A Chaste Mind in Cheapside*

49 blasphemous] HALLIWELL (p 12). This term was not always used in its modern sense According to a letter dated 1604, Stone, a fool, 'was well whipt in

Botesf. Worke you then.

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Anth. Hang cur, hang, you whorefon insolent Noyfe-maker, we are leffe afraid to be drownde, then thou art.

Gonz. I'll warrant him for drowning, though the Ship were no stronger then a Nutt-shell, and as leaky as an vnstanchd wench. 55

Botesf. Lay her a hold, a hold, fet her two courfes off to Sea againe, lay her off. 58

53 *drown'de*] *drown'd* F.F.⁴ 57 *two courses off*] *two courses, off*
54 *for*] *from* Theob Warb Johns Holt et seq (*two courses Off Wh*)
Steev Mal 58 [*Cry again* Cap

Bridewell for a blasphemous speech that there went sixty fools into Spaine besides my lord Admiral and his two sons'

54 *for*] ABBOTT, § 154 In this instance 'for' may either mean *against* or *for what concerns*

57, 58 *Lay . her off*] MULGRAVE The ship, having driven near the shore, the mainsail is hawled up, the ship wore, and the two courses set on the other tack, to endeavour to clear the land that way [See line 73]—CALVER To understand this order, it is necessary to keep in mind the Boatswain's view of the circumstances in which he was placed. He did not care, he said, about the force of the wind, but he was afraid they had not sea-room. 'Blow, till thou burst thy wind, if room enough' makes this clear, and that there was sufficient cause for alarm upon this point is also apparent from a passage in the second scene, where Prospero, questioning Ariel with reference to the ship and her perils, asks, 'But was not this nigh shore?' 'Close by, my master' In short, the Boatswain, in the first instance, did what appeared to him to be needed, but now, after a short interval, whether owing to the sluggishness of the ship or to the lee-shore being closer than he had imagined, he, unceasingly alive to the danger, and oblivious of the taunts of the passengers, gave the above order: 'Lay her a-hold, a-hold' Keep her to the wind or as close to the wind as possible. 'Set her two courses' foresail as well as mainsail, or twice the amount of canvas already spread, and 'off to sea again, lay her off' an indication of the object of the order, or of the necessity for gaining sea-room so as to avoid shipwreck

57 *two courses*] HOLT (p 19) The courses here meant are two of the three lowest and largest sails of a ship, which are so called because, as largest, they contribute most to give her way through the water, and consequently enable her to feel her helm, and steer her course better, than when they are not set or spread to the wind. Therefore this speech should be pointed thus. 'Lay her ahold, ahold, set her two courses; off to Sea again, lay her off' It being a command to set these two larger sails in order to carry her off to sea again, she being too near in shore. 'To lay her ahold,' signifies to bring her to lie as near the wind as she can in order to get clear of any Point, or head of land. [This explanation and punctuation of Holt has been adopted by every subsequent editor except CAPELL, who says that this punctuation 'appears advisable no way, first, the order is not simply to *set her courses*, but so to set them that the ship might get "off to sea again," to "lay her off" by that setting; and next, the speech's flow is against it'—ED.]

Enter Mariners wet

Mar. All loft, to prayers, to prayers, all loft. 60

Bote. What must our mouths be cold?

Gonz. The King, and Prince, at prayers, let's assist them,
for our case is as theirs.

Seba. I'am out of patience.

An We are meerly cheated of our liues by drunkards, 65
This wide-chopt-rascal, would thou mightst lye drow-
ning the washing of ten Tides.

Gonz. Hee'l be hang'd yet,
Though euery drop of water sweare against it. 69

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| 60 [Exeunt Theob | 64 <i>I'am</i>] F ₂ <i>I'm</i> F ₃ F ₄ , Rowe +, Wh. |
| 62 <i>Prince, at prayers</i>] <i>Prince at</i> | Dyce, Sta <i>I am</i> Steev et cet |
| <i>prayers, F₄ Prince are at prayers,</i> | 66 <i>wide-chopt-rascal</i>] <i>wide-chopt</i> |
| Rowe <i>Prince at prayers</i> ! Pope <i>Prince</i> | <i>rascal</i> F ₄ |
| <i>at pray'rs</i> ! Han | 67 <i>the Tides</i>] One line, as a half |
| <i>let's them</i>] <i>let us 'em</i> Pope + | verse, Pope et seq |
| <i>let us .them</i> Steev Var Knt, Coll | 69 <i>sweare</i>] <i>sware</i> F ₃ F ₄ . |
| 63. As a half verse, Pope et seq | |

61 mouths be cold] BIRCH (p 523) The Boatswain thinks of the different liquid and results, when he should have to take in sea-water instead of engulphing fiery spirits—ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc* p 7) That is, 'must our mouths, so lately warm with brave oaths, now be cold with cowardly prayers?' Cf. 'thou rascal, thou fearful rogue, thou hast been *praying* is this a time To discourage our friends with your *cold orisons*?'—B & F1 *The Sea Voyage*, I, 1 [This interpretation of Allen is ingenious, and probably touches the reason why this particular phrase was put in the mouth of the Boatswain, but the phrase itself means, I think, simply to *die*, we have it in this sense in B & F1's *Scornful Lady*, II, 11, where Savil, who is not at sea, but in the house of the Elder Loveless, says, 'Would I had been cold i' the mouth before this day, And ne'er haue liued to see this dissolution'—ED]

65 *meerly*] In its original Latin meaning

66 *wide-chopt*] CROFT. It is held that men with wide chops are weak and dolish

67 *washing of ten Tides*] ELZE An allusion to the singular mode of execution to which pirates were condemned in England 'Pirats and robbers by sea are condemned in the court of admiralte, and hanged on the shore at lowe water marke, where they are left till three tides haue ouerwashed them'—Harrison's *Description of England*, p 229, ed Furnivall—HALES (*Essays*, 294) cites Murray's *Handbook for Kent s v Execution Dock*, Wapping, in corroboration of Elze's extract from Harrison, and adds another allusion to this form of punishment in *Green's Tu Quoque* (Hazlitt's *Dodsley*, vol. xi, p 188), where, in a note, Stow is cited as pointing out 'the usual place of execution for hanging of Pirates and Sea-rovers at the low-water mark,' there to remain till three tides had overflowed them 'Evidently,' says Hales, 'Antonio's phrase is a mere exaggeration of such a sentence For such a "wide-chapped rascal" as the Boatswain, three tide-washings are not enough,—let him have ten.'

And gape at widt to glut him *A confused noyse within* 70
 Mercy on vs.

We split, we split, Farewell my wife, and children,
 Farewell brother we split, we split, we split

Anth. Let's all sinke with' King

Seb. Let's take leaue of him *Exit* 75

Gonz. Now would I giue a thousand furlongs of Sea,
 for an Acre of barren ground. Long heath, Browne
 firrs, any thing, the wills about be done, but I would
 faine dye a dry death. *Exit* 79

70 to glut] to 'glut Cap conj
 70, 73 A confused *split*] In margin,
 as Stage direction Cap et seq (subs)

71 *Mercy*] *Seb* *Mercy* Han

73 *Farewell brother*] *Brother, fare-*
well Pope+ Alon *Brother, farewell*
 Johns conj (withdrawn) *Farewell, my*
brother Ktly

74 *with'*] F₂ *with* F₃, F₄ *un' the*
 Cap *un' th'* Wh *with the* Rowe et cet
 [Exit Theob et seq (subs)]

77, 78 *Long firrs*] *ling, heath, broom,*
furze Han Sing Dyce II, III, Wr Huds
 Dtn *brown heath, long furze* Ktly

78 *firrs*] *firs* F₄ *furze* Row.

79 *Exit*] Om Kf

70 to glut] JOHNSON Shakespeare probably wrote *englut*, to swallow him
 For which I know not that *glut* is ever used by him To *englut* occurs frequently
 Yet Milton writes 'glutted offal' for *swallowed*, and, therefore, perhaps, the present
 text may stand

71 *Mercy, &c*] JOHNSON All these lines have been hitherto given to Gonzalo,
 who has no brother on the ship It is probable that the lines succeeding the 'con-
 fused noise within' should be considered as spoken by no determinate characters —
 THEOBALD, in a private letter to Warburton (Nichols, II, 243), anticipated Johnson in
 suggesting that these lines represented the confused noise behind the scenes —
 CAPELL, however, was the first to carry out the idea in his text, by putting them, as
 a stage direction, in the margin, and by separating the exclamations by dashes

73 *we split*] MULGRAVE The ship not being able to weather a point, is driven
 on shore.

74 *with' King*] A valuable example of the absorption of the definite article, thus
 emphatically indicated by the printer, and possibly so indicated in Shakespeare's MS
 Another instance occurs, although printed without the apostrophe, in I, II, 131 The
 present is one of several noteworthy instances of the unusual care with which this play
 is printed — ED

77, 78 *Long heath, Browne firrs*] For Hanmer's emendations see Text Notes
 Of the original text CAPELL says 'There is a stiffness in giving epithets to ["heath"
 and "furze"] that suits neither the genius nor situation of the speaker, and [Han-
 mer's] alteration takes off that stiffness, bringing no new one in its room, for it is easy
 and natural It has been objected that "ling" and "heath" are synonyma and mean
 the same plant but this may be doubted, or, if true, a poem is not the better for
 such preciseness' — FARMER [Hanmer] has been charged with tautology I find
 in Harrison's description of Britain, prefixed to our author's good friend Holinshed,
 p 91: '*Brome, heth, firze, brakes, whinnes, ling,*' &c — KNIGHT: 'Long heath' and
 'brown furze' are quite intelligible, and are much more natural than an enumeration

[77, 78 Long heath, Browne firrs]

of many various wild plants —HALLIWELL also thinks Hanmer's change unnecessary

The epithet "long" merely refers to the large expanse of heath "I have consumed all, plaid away long acre" —*A Yorkshire Tragedy*, 1619 —WALKER (*Crit* III, 1) feels assured, and he carries with him DYCE, W A WRIGHT, HUDSON, PHILLPOTTS, and DEIGHTON, that Hanmer's reading is the true one 'The *balance*,' he says, 'requires it Besides, what are *long heath* and *brown furze*?' [Lyte's *Herbal* would have told him what 'long heath' is] —'Ling,' says KEIGHTLEY (*Exp* 208), 'was probably a word unknown to Shakespeare' [See Farmer's quotation from Harrison, *supra*] —PHILLPOTTS pronounces 'the uselessness of these epithets ["long" and "brown"]' to be manifest, and as justifying 'Hanmer's excellent emendation'

The difference,' he adds, 'between the spikes of ling and the bell-like flowers of the heath must have been easily seen on the Warwickshire heaths' [There can be no doubt, however, that they bore the same name in Shakespeare's day 'Heath Hather, and Lyng is called in high and base Almaine, Heyden and is thought of the later writers to be that plant which,' &c —Lyte's *Herbal*, 1576, p 678 —ED] —BEISLY (p 12) I believe Shakespeare wrote 'long heath,' because *ling* and *heath* or *heth* are names for one and the same plant, and Shakespeare would not have called this plant by two different common names —GRINDON (p 238), on the other hand, says that 'Ling (*Calluna vulgaris*) is very different from the genuine Heaths, or *Ericas*, so there is no tautology in the introduction of the word' [The insurmountable difficulty in accepting Hanmer's change is, to me, that 'Long Heath' is the real name of a plant, just as much as is 'Long Purples' Lyte, in his *Herbal*, 1576, p 677, says of Heath 'There is in this Countrie two kindes of Heath, one whiche beareth his flowers amongst the stemmes, and is called long Heath The other bearing his flowers in tutteys or tuftes at the toppes of the branches, the which is called smal Heath' Further on, he says 'Heath groweth vpon mountaynes that be drie, hungrie, and barren' To similar localities he allots 'Furze or thorne Broome,' which 'groweth,' he says, p 668, 'in vntoyled places, by the way sides' Wherefore, the names of both plants were suggested, I think, by the word 'barren' in Gonzalo's wish for 'an acre of *barren* ground,' and in calling the furze 'brown' an additional hue of desolation is imparted by suggesting that the acre is so barren that even the weeds on it are dried up and discoloured In Hanmer's emendation the four names really represent only two plants, for, however scientifically we may have subdivided genera nowadays, in Shakespeare's time, as witness Lyte, ling and heath were the same and furze and broom the same. Such a mere, bare iteration, without adding anything whatsoever to the picture, grates me as somewhat un-Shakespearian —ED]

79 ANON (*Shakespeare, A Seaman, St James's Maga* July, 1862) Take up your Shakespeare and read the opening scene of *The Tempest* A ship is off an unknown lee-shore, labouring heavily, a storm is raging, lightning is flashing, thunder is bellying, waves are madly roaring, 'men's hearts are failing them for fear', confusion and terror are holding a carnival on board We appeal to all intelligent readers,—and especially to seamen,—to answer whether they think it probable that Shakespeare could have intuitively penned that scene if he had spent his life *entirely* ashore? The thing is incredible We know that Shakespeare was so marvellously gifted that he could conceive and accurately depict characters and scenes of nearly every age and kind; but even *his* transcendent imagination had its bounds; and it is rather too much to expect us to credit that he could have written the first scene of *The Tempest* unless he had previously had *some* practical acquaintance with the sea, and ships, and

Scena Secunda.

*Enter Prospero and Miranda.**Mira.* If by your Art (my deereft father) you haue

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| 1 Scena] Scena F, | cell of Prospero Theob |
| [The Inchanted Island Pope A | 3 <i>If you</i>] One line, Seymour, Sta |
| part of the Inchanted Island, near the | conj |

seamen Every epithet in the scene is exactly proper and in admirable keeping; every sea-phrase is correct, every order of the boatswain's is seamanlike and precisely adapted to the end in view There is nothing lubberly about the whole affair nothing to which a seaman of the nineteenth century would object in a professional point of view,—that is, taking into consideration the build and rig of ships in Shakespeare's days The boatswain did all that was in his power, as a seaman, to enable the ship to 'claw off' shore And what a grand old sea-dog is he! Neither Smollett, nor Marryatt, nor even Fenimore Cooper, ever drew a more graphic character In the space of a single page we learn to know him as thoroughly as though he lived and moved in our presence He is a matchless specimen of the old, old school of mariners,—much akin to the ancient seaman so minutely painted by Chaucer A thorough seaman is he, a fine, hardened, blustering, dogmatic, domineering old fellow, whose shaggy beard has been outspread in a hundred tempests, one not apt to spare either himself or his subordinates in the way of duty . His voice outroars wind and sea, he *will* be heard and obeyed, he feels that the safety of the ship and all on board depends on the ready exercise of his skill and judgement, he knows his own value at this awful crisis We love and venerate this tarry old mariner Shakespeare drew him from the very life [In a note on 'glasses,' V, i, 266, BR NICHOLSON proves that it is almost impossible that Shakespeare could have been ever at sea —ED]

2 WARBURTON. Nothing was ever better contrived to inform the audience of the story than this scene It is a conversation that could not have happened before, and could not but happen now —COLERIDGE (p 86) Prospero's speeches, till the entrance of Ariel, contain the finest example, I remember, of retrospective narration for the purpose of putting the audience in possession of all the information necessary for the understanding of the plot Observe, too, the perfect probability of the moment chosen by Prospero (the very Shakespeare himself, as it were, of the tempest) to open out the truth to his daughter, his own romantic bearing, and how completely anything that might have been disagreeable to us in the magician is reconciled and shaded in the humanity and natural feelings of the father In the very first speech of Miranda the simplicity and tenderness of her character are at once laid open,—it would have been lost in direct contact with the agitation of the first scene The opinion once prevailed but is happily now abandoned, that Fletcher alone wrote for women,—the truth is, that with very few, and those partial exceptions, the female characters in the plays of Beaumont and Fletcher are, when of the light kind, not decent, when heroic, complete viragoes But in Shakespeare all the elements of womanhood are holy, and there is the sweet yet dignified feeling of all that *continuates* society, as sense of ancestry and of sex, with a purity unassailable by sophistry, because it rests not in the analytic processes, but in that sane equipoise of the faculties, during which the feelings are representative of all past experience,—not of the individual only, but of all

Put the wild waters in this Rore;alay them:
 The skye it seemes would powre down stinking pitch, 5
 But that the Sea, mounting to th' welkins cheeke,

4 *Rore,*] *Rore*, F₄ 6 *th'*] *the* F₄
 5 *stinking*] *flaming* Sing conj *kind-* *cheeke*] *heat* Coll. MS *cheeks*
ling Verges (N & Qu 3d, vii, 337) Verges

those by whom she has been educated, and their predecessors, even up to the first mother that lived. Shakespeare saw that the want of prominence, which Pope notices for sarcasm, was the blessed beauty of the woman's character, and knew that it arose not from any deficiency, but from the more exquisite harmony of all the parts of the moral being, constituting one living total of head and heart. He has drawn it, indeed, in all its distinctive energies of faith, patience, constancy, fortitude,—shown in all of them as following the heart, which gives its results by a nice tact and happy intuition, without the intervention of the discursive faculty, sees all things in and by the light of the affections, and errs, if it ever err, in the exaggerations of love alone. In all the Shakespearian women there is essentially the same foundation and principle, the distinct individuality and variety are merely the result of the modification of circumstances, whether in Miranda the maiden, in Imogen the wife, or in Katherine the queen.—IBID (*Seven Lectures*, p 112) Shakespeare had pre-determined to make the plot of this play such as to involve a certain number of low characters, and at the beginning he pitched the note of the whole. The first scene was meant as a lively commencement of the story, the reader is prepared for something that is to be developed, and in the next scene he brings forward Prospero and Miranda. How is this done? By giving to his favourite character, Miranda, a sentence which at once expresses the violence and fury of the storm, such as it might appear to a witness on the land, and at the same time displays the tenderness of her feelings,—the exquisite feelings of a female brought up in a desert, but with all the advantages of education, all that could be communicated by a wise and affectionate father. She possesses all the delicacy of innocence, yet with all the powers of her mind unweakened by the combats of life.

3 *your* *you*] Note that throughout this dialogue Miranda invariably addresses her father in the second person plural of respect, and he as invariably speaks to her in the second person singular of tenderness, except in line 17.—Ed

6 *cheeke*] STAUNTON Although we have in *Rich II* III, ii, 'the cloudy cheeks of heaven,' and elsewhere, 'welkin's face' and 'heaven's face,' it may well be questioned whether *cheek*, in this place, is not a misprint. A more appropriate and expressive word than *heat* of Collier's MS, one, too, sanctioned in some measure by its occurrence in Ariel's description of the same elemental conflict, is probably *crack* or *cracks*. 'the fire, and cracks of sulphurous roaring, the most mighty Neptune seem to besiege,' &c. In Miranda's picture of the tempest, the sea is seen to storm and overwhelm the tremendous artillery of heaven, in that of Ariel, the sky's ordnance, 'the fire and cracks,' assault the 'mighty Neptune.' *Crack*, in the emphatic sense it formerly bore of *crash*, *discharge*, or *explosion*, is very common in our old writers [Very far from being one of Staunton's happiest emendations.—Ed.]

6 See ABBOTT, § 456, for his scansion of many similar lines where unaccented syllables are slurred; as here, 'to the wel-' forms one foot. See line 293 in this scene

Dashes the fire out. Oh! I haue suffered 7
 With those that I saw suffer: A braue vessell
 (Who had no doubt some noble creature in her)
 Dash'd all to peeces · O the cry did knocke 10
 Against my very heart: poore soules, they perish'd.
 Had I byn any God of power, I would
 Haue funcke the Sea within the Earth, or ere
 It should the good Ship so haue swallow'd, and
 The fraughting Soules within her. 15

Prof. Be collected,
 No more amazement. Tell your pittieus heart
 there's no harme done.

Mira. O woe, the day.

Prof. No harme: 20
 I haue done nothing, but in care of thee

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| 7 <i>suffered</i>] <i>suffer'd</i> Pope | 12 <i>byn</i>] <i>bin</i> F ₂ <i>been</i> F ₃ F ₄ |
| 9 <i>creature</i>] <i>creatures</i> Theol +, Steev | 15 <i>fraughting</i>] <i>fraughted</i> Pope, Han |
| Var Hal Sing Coll Dyce, & Ktly, | <i>fraughting</i> Theob Warb Johns Cap |
| Clke, Dn | <i>freighting</i> Steev Mal |

9 no doubt] COLERIDGE (*Seven Lectures*, p 112) The doubt here intimated could have occurred to no mind but to that of Miranda, who had been bred up in the island with her father and a monster only, she did not know, as others do, what sort of creatures were in a ship, others never would have introduced it as a conjecture. This shows, that while Shakespeare is displaying his vast excellence, he never fails to insert some touch or other, which is not merely characteristic of the particular person, but combines two things,—the person, and the circumstances acting upon the person.

9 creature] KNIGHT (who follows F₂) · Miranda means to say that in addition to those she saw suffer,—the 'poor souls' that perished,—the common sailors,—there was no doubt some superior person on board,—some *noble creature*—COLLIER is not as aristocratic as Knight, in restricting the 'poor souls' to the humble sailors, but believes that in this class are included all those on board, he therefore upholds his MS and Theobald in reading *creatures*. 'Creature' is undoubtedly collective here, and Coleridge, in the preceding note, has shown us that Miranda did not know what kind of persons were in a ship.—ED

13 or ere] See ABBOTT, § 131, for the explanation of this idiom, where *ere* is added to *or* for emphasis. Abbott refers to Mätzner, iii, 451. Or see *Macb* IV, iii, 173, or *Hamlet*, I, ii, 183, of this edition. It is repeated at V, i, 116, of this play.

14. and] For other instances in this play of 'weak endings,' see lines 66, 69, and 168 in this scene; III, i, 7, III, iii, 125, IV, i, 171. See also ABBOTT, § 457.

15 *fraughting Soules*] DYCE The souls who compose the freight or freight—W. A. WRIGHT Cotgrave has 'Freter To hire a ship of burden, and to freight or load her, hired' 'Freture A fraughting, loading, or furnishing of a (hired) ship'

19-21 O woe, &c.] JOHNSON I know not whether Shakespeare did not *make*

(Of thee my deere one ; thee my daughter) who 22
 Art ignorant of what thou art . naught knowing
 Of whence I am : nor that I am more better
 Then *Prospero*, Master of a full poore cell, 25
 And thy no greater Father.

Mira. More to know

Did neuer medle with my thoughts

Prof. 'Tis time

I should informe thee farther · Lend thy hand 30
 And plucke my Magick garment from me . So,

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| 23 | <i>art naught</i>] <i>art, nought</i> Ff | Cap |
| 24 | <i>I am more</i>] <i>I am more, or</i> Rowe | 29 |
| 11 | <i>I'm more, or</i> Pope, Han | 31 |
| 25 | <i>full poore</i>] <i>full-poor</i> Theob Warb | seq |

Miranda speak thus 'O, woe the day' 'No harm?' To which Prospero properly answers 'I have done nothing,' &c Miranda, when she speaks the words, 'O, woe the day' supposes, not that the crew had escaped, but that her father thought differently from her, and counted their destruction 'no harm' [This excellent emendation, which almost carries conviction, occurred independently to WALKER, *Crit* 11, 188 — ELZE (p 128) emends the emendation by making Miranda interrupt her 'father when he has said 'Tell your piteous heart—' by ejaculating 'O, woe the day' after Prospero has completed his sentence, then Miranda queries, 'No harm?' The gain, however, seems hardly sufficient to justify so large a change —ED]

24 Of whence] For other examples of this redundant *of*, see ABBOTT, § 179 — PHILLPOTTS, however, connects 'of' with 'knowing' 'Nought knowing of [the answer to the question] whence I am'

24 more better] For other examples of a double comparative, see Shakespeare *passim*, or ABBOTT, § 11

25 full] DYCE That is, complete. [See 'drops full salt,' line 183, also 'Full fadom five,' line 460]

28 medle] It makes but little difference whether we accept Steevens's interpretation, to *mix*, Ritson's, to *interfere*, to *trouble*, or Collier's, to *mingle* Barnaby Googe (*Whole Art of Husbandry*, 1596, p 98) speaks of 'the lees of Wine medled with water' —ED

30 Lend thy hand] WARBURTON (*Nichols, Illust* 11, 636) assumes that in order to make Miranda fall in love at first sight with Ferdinand, Prospero felt it to be necessary first to attune her mind by deeply exciting the emotion of pity, and then to weave a spell around her 'This,' he says, 'is insinuated to the audience' by Prospero's request that Miranda should lend a hand in plucking off the magic garment 'The touch communicated the charm, and its efficacy was to lay her asleep This is the reason that Prospero so often questions, as he goes on in his story, whether she was attentive, being apprehensive the charm might operate too quick, before he had ended his relation' ['The ever thought-swarming, but idea-less Warburton' exclaims Coleridge in a note on *Othello* —ED]

31 So,] This, I think, is addressed to Miranda, and should have either a full stop

Lye there my Art: wipe thou thine eyes, haue comfort, 32
 The direfull spectacle of the wracke which touch'd
 The very vertue of compassion in thee
 I haue with such prouision in mine Art 35
 So safely ordered, that there is no foule

34. *in thee*] *in thee*, F₃F₄
 35. *prouision*] *compassion* Ff, Rowe,
 Pope *preuision* Hunter, Coll II, III (MS),
 Sing Dyce II, III, Huds

36. *ordered*] *order'd* Rowe et seq

36. *there is no soule*] *there is no soule*
lost Rowe *there is no soul lost* Pope, Han
 Warb *there is no foyle* Theob *there*
is no loss Cap *there is no evil* Bailey
there is no hurte, Gould *there is no soul*—
 Steev et seq (subs)

or a dash, after it. Prospero uses the same word when Ariel is helping to disrobe him and to don his Hat and Rapier in the Fifth Act.—ED

32. *Lye there my Art*] STEEVENS. Sir William Cecil, lord Burleigh, lord high treasurer, &c in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when he put off his gown at night, used to say, *Lie there, Lord Treasurer*—Fuller's *Holy State*, p. 257.—DYCE (*Folio Notes*, p. 10) to this instance of Steevens adds. So in *A Pleasant Comedie called Looke about you*, which was printed in 1600 (and therefore preceded *The Tempest*), Skynke puts off his hermit's robes with a similar expression '*Lye there religion*', and in Chettle's *Tragedy of Hoffman* (also an earlier play than *The Tempest*) Lorrique, throwing off the disguise of a French doctor, says, '*Doctor lie there* Lorrique, like thyself appeare.' I may add, that in Shadwell's *Virtuoso*, Sir Samuel Hartley lays aside his female dress, with the words, '*So, tyrewoman, lie thou there*'—VOSS (*Anmerkungen*, &c, p. 150) Shakespeare here very skilfully separates Prospero the man from Prospero the magician. A magician, devoted body and soul to his art, can claim but little of our sympathy; witness even the most loveable and charming of the magicians and geni in the *Arabian Nights*, they stand remote from us as superhuman and supernatural beings. But Prospero's magic resides only in his Mantle, Staff, and Book, Prospero himself remains akin to us.

33. *wracke*] HUNTER (I, 186) A delicate ear will perceive that something is lost in point of melody by the uncalled-for change of 'wrack' to *wreck*—WHITE. This orthography of the Folio is uniform, legitimate, and characteristic, and should not be disturbed.

34. *vertue of compassion*] JOHNSON. The most efficacious part, the energetic quality, in a like sense we say, 'The virtue of a plant is in the extract.'

35. *prouision*] HUNTER (I, 186) quotes a passage from '*Modern Policies*, a book attributed to Sancroft, of which a fifth edition was published in 1654, which seems to suggest and justify the change to *preuision*'—DYCE, who adopts *preuision*, cites in confirmation II, I, 329, 'My master through his art foresees the danger,' &c.—WHITE regards *preuision* as not improbable.—But Mrs KEMBLE (*Atlantic Monthly*, Sept 1860) does not agree to the value of the change. 'It is very true,' she says, 'that *preuision* means the foresight that his art gave him, but *provision* implies the exercise of that foresight or *preuision*, it is therefore better, because more comprehensive.'

36. *no soule*] THEOBALD explains his conjecture of *foyle* as *damage, loss, detriment*, but HOLT (p. 22) says that 'the traces of the letter might have been followed nearer in *soyl*, and with better authority of context'—This emendation of *soul*, I e

No not so much perdition as an hayre 37
 Betid to any creature in the vessell
 Which thou heardst cry, which thou sawst finke Sit
 For thou must now know farther [downe, 40
Mira. You haue often
 Begun to tell me what I am, but stopt
 And left me to a bootelesse Inquisition,
 Concluding, stay : not yet.
Prof. The howr's now come 45

37 *an hayre*] *an hair's* Cap conj a Rowe
hair Sing Clke

41 *often*] *oft* Sta conj

38 *Betid*] *Betide* Ff. Rowe

43 *a bootelesse*] *the bootlesse* Ff, Rowe

39, 40 *Sit farther*] One line, F₃F₄, Pope, Han

stain, spot, JOHNSON afterwards put forth, remarking at the time that Holt 'had a glimpse of it, but could not keep it' The emendation which Holt himself advocated was that 'soul' was a term of endearment applied by Prospero to Miranda, and he suggested that the line be thus arranged So safely order'd, soul, that there is no, No not so much,' &c or 'So safely ordered that there is no,—soul, No not so much,' &c It seems almost impossible to give the following note from CAPELL without appearing to hold him up to ridicule, than which nothing is further from my intention, but it is worth while to give it if only to reveal one of the difficulties of an editor who undertakes to paraphrase his authorities 'The alter'd and the altering word of this sentence,' says CAPELL (II, 55), 'approach'd nearer to one another than will be judg'd from the latter's orthography, but it's former was — *losse*, and under that form might most readily be corrupted to,—*soule* that it was the reading intended, the line after is evidence, for that line is explanatory of the term that preceded, carrying it to an excess that is not convey'd by it nakedly, as is Shakespeare's manner elsewhere' 'Had Capell come to me,' said Dr Johnson on one occasion, 'I would have endowed his purposes with words'—STAUNTON believes that Capell's *loss* is the true reading —KENRICK (*Review*, p 2) Shakespeare very probably wrote *ill*, there is no *ill*, No, not so much,' &c To *betide* is to befall, to happen to, and would here be very improperly used with *soul*, for even supposing there was no impropriety in saying a *soul* might *betide* a *suit of cloaths*, no idiom will bear a *soul betiding* to a *creature*, when its cloathing only was meant —HEATH rightly interprets and paraphrases the original text 'The participle *lost* must be supplied from the word "perdition," in the next line The import is exactly the same as if the poet had written, I have so safely ordered that there is no soul,—Why do I say soul? No there is not so much perdition as an hair betid to any creature in the vessel The construction is of the kind called by grammarians *anacoluthon*.' STEEVENS followed the suggestion of Heath by putting a dash after 'soul,' and has herein been followed by every editor, I think, except the CAMBRIDGE EDITORS, who have a comma —ED

38 *Betid*] For other instances of the omission of *-ed* in the participles of verbs ending in *-te*, *-t*, or *-d*, see Shakespeare *passim*, or ABBOTT, § 342

45 The howr's now come] In the course of an argument to prove that *The Tempest*, instead of being among Shakespeare's late plays, is one of his early plays HUNTER brings forward, very modestly, certain indications, as he conceives them, of

The very minute byds thee ope thine eare, 46
 Obey, and be attentue Canst thou remember
 A time before we came vnto this Cell ?
 I doe not thinke thou canst, for then thou was't not
 Out three yeeres old 50
Mira Certainly Sir, I can.
Prof. By what ? by any other houe, or perfon ?
 Of any thing the Image, tell me, that
 Hath kept with thy remembrance
Mira 'Tis farre off: 55
 And rather like a dreame, then an affurance
 That my remembrance wariants: Had I not
 Fowre, or fue women once, that tended me ? 58

47 *Canst thou*] *Canst* Pope, Han
 48 [Sitting down Coll II (MS)

50 *Out*] *Full* Pope *Quite* Coll MS
 54 *with*] *in* Pope, Theob Han Warb

immaturity in the art of dramatic composition 'One practised in the dramatic art,' he observes (I, 124), 'would hardly have given us such a scene as the Second of the First Act, where we have a long dialogue between Prospero and Miranda, which is plainly intended for the audience, and not to carry on the business of the play' The best reply that has been made to Hunter in this regard is to be found in a highly valuable *Essay* by Dr C C HENSE on *Die Antikes in Shakespeare's Drama* (*Shakespeare Untersuchungen*, &c, 1884), wherein (p 481) it is maintained that this dialogue, so far from being, what Hunter pronounces it, an indication of immaturity, is an example of 'genuine dramatic art in the antique meaning of the term It is Prospero himself who relates his own and Miranda's story, the decisive hour has come in which not only the audience, but more especially Miranda, must be instructed in the circumstances of her past in view of the important future No other human being can tell this story but Prospero himself, at the approach of the great moment of rescue he lives over again, with vivid intensity, all that misery into which he was plunged by the treachery of his brother, and which was alleviated by the kindness of Gonzalo Precisely thus it is that Philoctetes in Sophocles, just before the all-important hour of his release, narrates the depth and duration of the misery of his past life The fate of himself and of his daughter was a secret of Prospero A secret is one of the elements of a drama of fate, in the *Œdipus* of Sophocles the unfortunate hero guards a secret through many years, and not until the moment before the unhappy dénouement does he divulge it to Jocasta'

45, 46. ALLEN (*Phala Sh Soc*) proposes to punctuate 'The hour's now come—The very minute,—bids thee ope thine ear;' with the relative (as often elsewhere) understood before bids

50 *Out*] STEEVENS 'That is, quite three years old, three years old full-out, complete See 'And be a boy right out,' IV, i, 112

56-58 COLERIDGE (*Seven Lectures*, p 114) Here I cannot help noticing a fine touch of Shakespeare's knowledge of human nature, and generally of the great laws of the human mind [These lines cited] This is exquisite! In general our remembrances of early life arise from vivid colours, especially if we have seen them

Prof. Thou hadst, and more *Miranda*. But how is it
That this lues in thy minde? What seest thou els 60
In the dark-backward and Abisme of Time?
Yf thou remembrest ought ere thou cam'st here,
How thou cam'st here thou maist.

Mira. But that I doe not.

Prof. Twelue yere since (*Miranda*) twelue yere since, 65
Thy father was the Duke of *Mullaine* and
A Pince of power. 67

61 *dark-backward*] *dark backward*
F₃F₄

65 *Twelue yere yere*] *Twelue years*
years Pope+

in motion, for instance, persons when grown up will remember a bright green door, seen when they were quite young, but *Miranda*, who was somewhat older, recollected four or five women who tended her. She might know men from her father, and her remembrance of the past might be worn out by the present object, but women she only knew by herself, by the contemplation of her own figure in the fountain, and she recalled to her mind what had been. It was not that she had seen such and such grandees, or such and such peeresses, but she remembered to have seen something like the reflection of herself, it was not herself, and it brought back to her mind what she had seen most like herself.

61 *backward*] For other examples of the adverbs *backward* and *inward* used as nouns, see ABBOTT, § 77

65 *Twelue yere since*, &c.] CAPELL. In this line the first 'year' is a dissyllable, and both have the force of plurals—WALKER (*Vers* p 136) in his article on such words as *fear*, *dear*, *fire*, *your*, &c., which suffer dissolution, cites, as an example, this line, and says, 'Coleridge observes on "the apparently defective metre [of this present line that] the actor should supply the time by emphasis, and pause on the first syllable." But the defect is merely apparent, the use of the same word as a monosyllable and as a dissyllable in the same line is, perhaps, more strange in appearance than in reality'—ABBOTT, § 480, thus scans 'Twelve *ye* | ar since | *Miran* | da, twelve | year since', 'where the repeated "year" is less emphatic than the former'. See also line 424 of this scene, which also Abbott thus scans. 'Who hadst | deserv | ed *mo* | re than | a prison'—CAMBRIDGE EDITORS (*Preface*, ed iii, p xix) We are rightly told that 'year' may be a dissyllable. Yet that one word should bear two pronunciations in one line is far more improbable than that the unaccented syllable before 'twelve' is purposely omitted by the poet, and few readers will not acknowledge the solemn effect of such a verse. [The consensus of opinion points to the dissyllabic pronunciation of 'year'. I beg emphatically to dissent, not only on rhythmical but on other grounds. By such a division and prolongation of 'year' an emphasis is imparted which does not befit the sense. It is the number of years that looms up before Prospero's memory, not the mere fact that years instead of months had passed. As to the rhythm, I am quite willing to stand within the shadow of so fine a master as GUEST, who (i, 240) by thus scanning brings the music and the meaning into accord. 'Twelve | years since | *Miran* | da twelve | years since'. This, I presume, is the scansion of the Cambridge Editors, although their preference is not at once evident—ED.]

66, 69 See I, ii, 14

- Mira.* Sir, are not you my Father? 68
- Prof.* Thy Mother was a peece of vertue, and
 She said thou wast my daughter, and thy father 70
 Was Duke of *Millaine*, and his onely heire,
 And P^rinceffe, no worfe issued
- Mira.* O the heauens,
 What fowle play had we, that we came from thence?
 Or blessed was't we did? 75
- Prof.* Both, both my G^rile.
 By fowle-play (as thou saist) were we heau'd thence,
 But blessedly holpe hither.
- Mira.* O my heart bleedeth
 To thinke oth' teene that I haue turn'd you to, 80
 Which is from my remembrance, please you, farther;
- Prof.* My brother and thy vncl^e, call'd *Antonio*. 82

71 *and his*] *thou his* Han Steev '73,
 Sing Dyce II, III, Huds Dtn *and thou*
his Johns conj Glo Jeph Wh II *and*
you his Gould

72 *And*] *A* Pope, Theob Han Warb
 Mal Steev '93, Var Dyce, Sta Clke,
 Ktly, Wrt, Jeph Huds Dtn, Cam III

77 *saist* *heau'd*] *saye?* *heaved*
 Ff

78 *holpe*] *help'd* Pope, Theob Han
 Warb

79 *O my*] *My* Pope, Han

81 *remembrance,*] *remembrance*
 Rowe

72 *And Princess,*] DYCE has the following note to vindicate Pope's change to '*A Princess*' 'In the *Two Gent* IV, I, F₁ and F₂ have "For practising to steale away a Lady *And* heire," &c, in *Henry VIII* II, IV, all the Folios have "on the debating *And* marriage 'twixt the Duke of Orleans," &c, in *Lear*, I, I, the Qq have "She is here selfe *and* dower", and in our author's *Cavith Sonnet* the Quarto has "*and* very wo,"—in all four places "*and*" being a mistake for "*a*" After all, I think, KNIGHT's text is to be preferred, which adheres to the Folio, and merely erases the semicolon after '*Princess*', '*thy father was Duke of Milan, and no worse issued was his only heir and princess*'—ED

78 *holpe*] See ABBOTT, § 343, for forms of similar past participles

80 *teene*] Grief, trouble

81 *from*] For many other examples of this use of *from*, in the sense of *apart from*, *away from*, without verbs of motion, see ABBOTT, § 158

82, &c CAPELL There is great perplexity in the construction of this speech, owing evidently to the number of circumstances parenthetically thrown into it, which mode of speaking is not used without design, but effected,—here, and in other places, particularly of this scene,—to mark a branch of Prospero's character, which is—garrulity . . . The speaker himself is lost in his own deviations, and reduced to the necessity of beginning his tale anew—In the *Phila Sh Soc Minutes*, 15 Nov 1864, attention was called to the network of anacolutha in this and the following speech of Prospero. The subject, '*My brother*,' is dropt, and taken up again as '*he, whom*,' and, finally, in '*Thy false vncl^e*,' before its verb (but only after another interruption) is reached in '*new created*' A parenthesis begins with '*as at that time*', but it ceases

I pray thee marke me, that a brother should 83
 Be so perfidious . he, whom next thy selfe
 Of all the world I lou'd, and to him put 85
 The mannage of my fstate, as at that time
 Through all the signories it was the first, 87

83, 84 *me perfidious*] *me, (that* 86-93 *as at studies*] In parenthesis,
perfidious ') Pope et seq (subs) Cap
 86-90 *as at studie*] In parenthesis, 86 *time*] *time* F₃F₄
 Theob + 87 *Through*] *Though* F₂

to be treated as a parenthesis, and eddies into the main current of expression at 'These being all my study'

82 **Anthonio**] HUNTER (*Disquisition*, p 138) criticises, and justly, the needless changes made by modern editors, and asks, with reference to this name, always changed to *Antonio*, whether a nice ear will not be sensible that something is lost Hunter is, I think, unquestionably right on general principles Whether or not in the case of this particular name, with such names as *Thomas* and *Thames* before us, we should pronounce the *th* like the Greek theta, we really have not the means of knowing In *Anthony and Cleopatra* Corson has ingeniously detected a pun which rests on this Greek pronunciation, in a line which is otherwise wellnigh inexplicable If this pronunciation of the Greek theta in Anthony obtains in one of Shakespeare's plays, viz in *Anth and Cleop*, it is not unreasonable, in lack of opposing proof, to suppose that it should prevail in all—ED

83 **I pray thee marke me,**] This phrase is almost universally printed by modern editors with a dash before and after it KNIGHT thus disapproves. 'The reader will observe with what admirable skill such interjectional expressions as "Dost thou attend me?"—"Thou attend'st not."—"I pray thee mark me,"—are subsequently introduced, to break the long continuity of Prospero's narrative But here, in the very beginning of his story, for Prospero to use a similar interruption quite unnecessarily is not an evidence of the same dramatic skill He simply means here to say, and the original punctuation warrants us in believing so,—I pray thee note how a brother could be so perfidious' Knight makes his paraphrase, which is good, a faint degree stronger than the line in F₂ by omitting the comma after 'me'—ED

86, 87 *as at that time Through*] HUNTER (i, 187) adopts the *Though* of F₂, where, as he says, it is to be read as if followed by *of* ('such kind of elision being extremely common in the early editions of these plays'),—and the whole passage may be adjusted thus

'As at that time,
 Though of all the seignories it was the first,
 And Prospero the prime duke, (being so reputed
 In dignity) and for the liberal arts
 Without a parallel. These being all my study,' &c

'Shakespeare meant to point to the pre-eminence which was claimed for the Duchy of Milan above all the other duchies of Europe, Botero saying expressly that "Milan claims to be the first duchy in Europe," and its University of Pavia was, at the period to which the action of this play is to be referred, in high reputation The sense now becomes complete and consecutive, though the expression is dramatic and colloquial

[86, 87 as at that time Through]

"Though Milan was accounted the first of the great seignories, and Prospero, as the Duke of Milan, was regarded the prime duke in Europe (having the general reputation and allowance of this precedence and dignity), and had also the higher reputation for the liberal arts, he neglected the affairs of State, threw the government on his brother, and devoted himself entirely to those studies"—That which to Capell is 'garrulity' in this speech becomes in Knight's eyes an 'easy conversational flow, and is amongst 'the finest things in the play. One idea grows out of another without any very strict logical arrangement, for Prospero speaks out of the fulness of his heart. We follow the punctuation of the original'—MEIKLEJOHN. This hesitation and involution in Prospero's speech arise from the fact that he is bent on an impossibility,—that of making Miranda understand the crisis in his past history, which is comparable to nothing in her experience—ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc* 1864). The vulgar text uniformly puts a comma after 'as,' and thus makes it equivalent to *because*. This makes Prospero guilty, *First*, of a *non sequitur* ('because his dukedom gave him a rank above all the other Italian Dukes, he *therefore* gave up the administration of it to his brother'), and, *Secondly*, of a falsehood, for his *real* reason (as he distinctly says below) was, that he was himself absorbed in secret studies. Seeking for some escape from this double difficulty, it suddenly occurred to me, that, by removing the comma, we get an expression precisely equivalent to the only one of the kind that had attracted my attention before, viz the *as-at-this-time* in the Prayer-Book Collect for Christmas,* which (thirty odd years ago) I settled in my mind (against the commentators) must be a more or less precise and emphatic *now*. I considered, namely, that *at-this-time* was simply equal to *now*, that *as* at this time was equal to *as-now* or *now-as*, and that *now-as* would be one of the correlatives of the recognised *whenas*. It was easy enough to go further and say, that *as-at-that-time* would be equal to *as-then* or *then-as*, and that *then-as* would be the other correlative of *whenas*. I did not, indeed, imagine, that either *now-as* and *then-as*, or *as now* and *as-then*, could be found in any of our old *authors*, but Johnson taught me that *as how* was used by so late a writer as Addison, and I remembered that the exact equivalent of *as then* was current in German, under the form of *alsdann*. There was reason to believe, therefore, that more such adverbial forms, with *as* prefixed or suffixed—perhaps, even, systems of *correlatives* with *as* (analogous to *whereby* and *thereby*, &c.)—once existed in the old colloquial language of both England and Germany. Turning to the *Deutsches Wörterbuch* of the brothers Grimm, I not only found (vol 1, p 258a) that *als* (= *as*) was used with such adverbs as *yesterday*, *to-day*, *to-morrow*, &c, in Opitz and other old authors, and to this day (vol 1, p 247a) in the spoken language of the Rhine and Main lands, but also perceived that a similar use of *as* in English was known to these German philologists. Verifying this statement, I met in Chaucer's *Legende of Goode Women*, 'This thoughte hire was felicitate *as here*' (2587), 'us nedeth trewely Nothing *as now*' (1491), '*As-in-that-poynt* . . Thou folwest him certayn' (2547), and '*as-in-love* trusteth no man but me' (2568). Professor Corson's *MS Select Glossary of La Mort d'Arthur* (kindly lent me) furnishes seventeen examples, including not only *as at this time* and *as at that time*, *as to-night* and *as to-morrow*, but also *as at bed and at board*. In the *Paston Letters* (Bohn's ed vol 11, p. 156), the Duke of Norfolk writes, that 'the King would have set forth *as upon Monday*', and in the *Homily for Good Friday* (near the beginning) we have '*as about this time*'. *As then* occurs also

* The words of the Collect are 'Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and *as at this time* to be born of a pure Virgin,' &c

And *Prospero*, the prime Duke, being so reputed 88
 In dignity, and for the liberall Artes,
 Without a paralell; those being all my studie, 90
 The Gouernment I cast vpon my brother,
 And to my State grew stranger, being transported
 And rapt in secret studies, thy false vnkle
 (Do'st thou attend me?)

Mira. Sir, most heedelessly. 95

Prof. Being once perfected how to graunt suites,
 how to deny them. who t'aduance, and who
 To trash for ouer-topping; new created 98

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| 88, 89 <i>And dignity</i>] In parenthesis, Coll Wh | 94 <i>me?</i>] Om F ₃ F ₄ , Rowe 1 |
| 90 <i>studie</i> ,] <i>study</i> , Rowe | 97 <i>who who</i>] Cap Hal Wh Dyce, |
| 92 <i>stranger</i>] <i>a stranger</i> Ktly conj | Glo Sta Wr Dtn, Cam III <i>whom</i> |
| 93 <i>rapt</i>] <i>wrapp'd</i> Steev '73, '78 | <i>whom</i> Ff et cet |
| <i>studie</i> ,] <i>studies</i> Rowe | 98 <i>To trash</i>] <i>To plash</i> Han <i>To</i> |
| 94 <i>Do'st</i>] <i>Doeft</i> F ₂ F ₃ | <i>rash</i> Wilson <i>To thrash</i> Marsh, ap Cam |

in Jeremy Taylor's *Sermon on the Marriage-Ring* 'because as then it was, when they were to flie' Nor is the passage in *The Tempest* absolutely the only one in which Shakespeare so uses *as* in *Meas for Meas* V, 1, 70, Isabella declares Lucio to have been 'as then the messenger', in *Sonn* xlvii, 'The clear eye's moiety and the dear heart's part' is determined 'as thus', and the reading of F₂ in *Twelfth Night*, II, 1, 33, may stand, if we consider 'such as' to be a composite form equivalent to 'precisely such'. 'Alas! our frailty is the cause, not we, For *such-as* we are made, if such we be'—Since, therefore, the logic of the passage rejects 'as' in the sense of *because*, and since we have abundant authority for another use of 'as,' hitherto (apparently) forgotten by English philologists, we may safely read, with a mere return to the punctuation (in this phrase) of F₂

'Pro My brother and thy vnkle, called Antonio—
 ————— He—whom next thyself
 Of all the world I lov'd, and to him put
 The manage of my state—(as at that time
 Through all the signories it was the first)
 THY FALSE VNCLE,' &c

88 *the*] For Abbott's scansion, see § 457, for his pronunciation 'Prosp'ro,' see § 469, and for 'being,' see next note

90 *being*] ABBOTT, § 470 Words in which a light vowel is preceded by a heavy vowel or diphthong are frequently contracted Thus, 'Without | a parall | el, these | *being* all | my study' Cf 'doing' in II, 1, 312

97 *who*] For instances, which might be many times multiplied, of 'who' for *whom*, see ABBOTT, § 274, again, in line 271 of this scene, and IV, 1, 6

98 *trash for ouer-topping*] There is here, undeniably, I think, a blending of two metaphors 'Trash' refers to hunting, and 'over-top' to gardening, or, at least,

The creatures that were mine, I fay, or chang'd 'em,
 O1 els new form'd 'em, hauing both the key, 100
 Of Officer, and office, fet all heaits i'th state

99 mine, I] mine, I Theob 101 i'th] e'th F₂ o'th F₃F₄, Rowe
 99, 100 'em] them Cap Steev Mal i'th state] Om Pope, Han
 Var Knt Coll Sing Hal Ktly, Clke Steev

if there is no proof that 'over-top' refers to gardening, it certainly cannot refer to hunting. A hundred years ago there was much controversy over 'trash' and its meaning, until Steevens decided the question by proving that the word was even then a hunter's phrase, signifying a weight or hindrance fastened on the neck of a dog when, by superior speed, he does not hunt even with his companions. The discussion arose over the line in *Othello*, II, 1, 336 'this poor trash of Venice whom I trace,' and is given at length in the notes thereon in this edition. Of the present line STEVENS says, that he has met with *over-topping* 'in books containing directions for gardeners published in the time of Queen Elizabeth,' but he cites none, nor indeed is any really needed, the meaning of the word is manifest. He quotes, however, from Warner's *Albion's England*, 1602, x, ch 57 'Who suffreth none by Might, by Wealth, or Blood, to ouer-top Himselfe giues all Preferment, and whom listeth him doth lop'—In a note on the line in *Othello*, MONCK MASON (p 410) observes that Shakespeare had probably in view in this speech of Prospero 'the manner in which Tarquin conveyed to Sextus his advice to destroy the principal citizens of Gabii, by striking off, in the presence of his messengers, the heads of the tallest poppies, as he walked in his garden'—'To trash,' says NARES (*Gloss s v*), 'from being joined with *overtopping*, has been supposed to allude to lopping of trees, but if we examine the context, no such violent measure seems there suggested. It is opposed only to *advance*, and seems to mean no more than that those who were too forward, he kept back,—did not advance. To cut them off would have been a measure to create alarm'—W R ARROWSMITH (*N & Qu* 1st S VII, p 566) *Overrun, overshoot, overshoot* are terms in hunting, *overtop* never—HALLIWELL calls attention to Dryden's *Version*, where the phrase is paraphrased, 'whom to advance, or lop for *overtopping*'—SPAUNTON. In the present day sportsmen check the speed of very fleet hounds by tying a rope, called a *dog-trash*, round their necks, and letting them trail it after them, formerly they effected the object by attaching to them a weight, sometimes called in jest a *clogdogdo*.

99 'em] Both JEPHSON and PHILLPOTTS say that this is a remnant of Anglo-saxon, and stands for *hem*, the accusative of *he*. But it is to me doubtful if this be any more true of Shakespeare's language here, than it is of our own.—ED

100 the key] Sir J HAWKINS. This is meant of a key for tuning the harpsichord, spinnet, or virginal. [This is possibly true, but I think the first and obvious meaning is the same as when we speak of the 'keys of office,' then, secondly, by the association of ideas, this 'key' suggested the 'tune' which follows. I doubt if 'tune, in anticipation, suggested the 'key'—ED]

101 i'th state] STEEVENS justifies his omission of these words by asking 'what hearts, except such as were "i'th state," could Alonzo incline to his purposes?' A question which KNIGHT brands as of 'a most knowing flippancy.' By the following scansion ABBOTT, § 497, would make this line an alexandrine only in appearance: 'Of offic | er, and off | ice set | all hearts | i'th state'

To what tune pleas'd his eare, that now he was 102
 The Iuy which had hid my princely Trunck,
 And fuctt my verdure out on't Thou attend'ft not?

Mira. O good Sir, I doe. 105

Prof I pray thee marke me

I thus neglecting worldly ends, all dedicated
 To closenes, and the bettering of my mind
 with that, which but by being so retir'd
 Ore-priz'd all popular rate in my false brother 110
 Awak'd an euill nature, and my trust
 Like a good parent, did beget of him
 A falsehood in it's contrarie, as great
 As my trust was, which had indeede no limit,
 A confidence fans bound. He being thus Lorded, 115

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| 105 | <i>O good</i>] <i>Good</i> Pope, Theob Han | Sing Ktly |
| 'Warb | <i>O, yes, good</i> Cap | 109 <i>that, which</i>] <i>that which</i> , Pope |
| 106 | <i>me</i>] <i>me then</i> Pope, Theob Han | <i>that, which</i> , Cap |
| Warb | | <i>being so retir'd</i>] <i>being retired</i> Ff, |
| | <i>I me</i>] Transposed to follow line | Rowe |
| 104, Steev | | 113 <i>it's</i>] <i>F₂F₃</i> , Cap <i>its</i> F ₄ |
| 107 | <i>dedicated</i>] <i>dedicate</i> Ritson, Steev | 115 <i>Lorded</i>] <i>loaded</i> Coll MS |

102 *that*] That is, 'so that'

104 *my*] HUDSON reads *the* because "my" has been probably repeated by mistake from the preceding line'

105 *O*] This monosyllabic exclamation takes the place of a whole foot See ABBOTT, § 482 Cf V, 1, 80

112 *good parent*] JOHNSON Alluding to the observation that a father above the common rate of men has commonly a son below it *Heroum filii noxx*

113 *it's*] W A WRIGHT There are ten instances in Shakespeare of this form of the neuter possessive pronoun See line 457 of this scene, and *The Bible Word-book* (Eastwood and Wright), p 274 The earliest example there given is from Florio's *World of Wordes*, 1598 It does not occur in the Authorized Version of 1611, and the only passage in which it appears in modern Bibles is *Lev* xxv, 5, where the original had 'That which groweth of it owne accord,' &c, ['it own' retained its place as late as 1673, 'its own' being substituted for the first time in a London edition printed in that year—*Note* on II, 1, 170].—ABBOTT, § 228 It is, however, very common in Florio's *Montaigne*. Perhaps the dislike of *its*, even in the eighteenth century, aided the adoption of the French idiom *lever la tête* 'Where London's column, pointing to the skies, Like a tall bully lifts *the* head and lies'—Pope, *Moral Essays*, III, 340—MEIKLEJOHN. Milton, who died 1674, does not use the word. [See II, 1, 170.]

115 *sans*] W. A WRIGHT This French preposition appears to have been brought into the language in the fourteenth century, and occurs in the forms 'saun,' 'sanz,' 'sauntz,' 'saunz,' and 'saunce' It may, perhaps, have been employed at first in purely French phrases, such as 'sans question,' *Love's Lab* L V, 1, 91, 'sans compliment,

Not onely with what my reueneue yeilded, 116
 But what my power might els exact Like one
 Who hauing into truth, by telling of it,
 Made such a fynner of his memorie
 To credite his owne lie, he did belecue 120

117 exact Like] exact, like Rowe
 118, 119 Who Made] Who loosing an
 untruth, and telling 't oft Makes Han
 118 hauing into] hating an Wilson
 into truth] unto truth Warb Cap
 Steev Mal Var Knt, Coll Sing Wh
 Ktly, Sta Clke, Jephson, Hunter, Rife,
 Wrt, Rugby, Morris to untruth Coll II,
 III (MS) in untruth Hoadly ap Hal

adding unto Duffus Hardy ap Cum
 come into trust Herr has against the
 truth Orger sinn'd to truth Wetherell
 (Athen 8 Sept '66) sin to truth—II D
 (Ib 15 Sept '66)
 118 telling] quelling Jervis
 of it] of Theob conj Warb
 Jephson
 119 memorie] memory as Anon

King John, V, vi, 16 But Shakespeare uses it with other words, as here and in *Hamlet*, III, iv, 79, 'sans all,' and other passages Compare *As You Like It*, II, vii, 166 Nares quotes instances from Ben Jonson, Beaumont and Fletcher, Massinger, and others So that it appears to have had an existence for a time as an English word Cotgrave gives 'Sans Sanse, without, besides', and Florio has 'Senza, sans, without, besides'

115 Lorded] That is, made a Lord, according to ABBOTT, § 294 Cf 'the azur'd vault,' V, i 50

118-120 Who hauing . owne lie] Under date of 29 May, 1729, THEOBALD wrote to Warburton (Nichols, II, 243) on this passage 'Here you propose to substitute *injured Truth*—as a cure for the sense I will tell you how I have read and conceived it, and then submit it to you, whether there needs any recourse to that change "Who having into Truth, by telling 't oft," &c —I e says Prospero, My brother has behaved so like a common Liar that tells his false stories so often over, till he deceives even his own memory, and credits his own lie into a truth, that is, believes his own lie to be true, as Antonio acted the outward face and deputation of power so long, till he began to imagine himself the real duke'—[I cannot find that Warburton anywhere repeated his conjecture of *injured truth*, but the text of his subsequent edition comes very near to the reading which Theobald suggested, and yet no allusion is made to Theobald] 'Who having unto truth, by telling oft,' that is, WARBURTON feels obliged to paraphrase, by often repeating the same story, made his memory such a sinner *unto* truth as to gave credit to his own lie —HEATH (p 6) believes not only that 'the passage is corrupted, but that a line, too, hath been dropped' —STEEVENS There is, perhaps, no correlative to which the word 'it' can with grammatical propriety belong 'Lie,' however, seems to have been the correlative to which the poet meant to refer, however ungrammatically —STEEVENS, 1778, records the following emendation by MUSGRAVE 'Who having *sinn'd* to truth, by telling oft *Makes* such a sinner of his memory too To,' &c —MALONE There is a very singular coincidence between this passage and one in Bacon's *Hist of Henry VII* '[Perkin Warbeck] did in all things notably acquit himself, insomuch as it was generally believed that he was indeed Duke Richard Nay, himself with long and continual counterfeiting, and with oft telling a lye, was turned by habit almost into the thing he seemed to be, and from a liar to be a believer' —BOSWELL The sentence is involved, but not, I think,

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ungrammatical Who having made his memory such a sinner to truth as to credit his own lie by telling of it [Quoted by Dyce in his first and second editions, in his third he quotes merely the following from] ARROWSMITH (p 45) Perhaps the ensuing extracts will help to facilitate the apprehension of words so joined as in—'telling of it into truth' [Arrowsmith had before said that the comma after 'truth' is superfluous, and that the phrase really should be as he has just quoted it] 'Some feasible line of frontier which may also be *discussed into familiarity*'—*The Times*, 10 Oct. 1862 'Till he has *thought a distasteful apprehension into an action of murder*'—*South, Sermon* 9, p 281, vol x, ed 1744 'Yet *vice can never be praised into virtue*'—*Ibid Sermon* 8, p 190, vol viii. 'Swears him into name'—*Jonson's Time Vindicated* 'By *thanking thus the courtesy to life*'—*Jonson's Underwoods* 'To tell a lie into truth,' the language here attributed to Shakespeare, is not a whit more forced or ungrammatical than 'to discuss a frontier into familiarity,' 'to think an apprehension into an action,' 'to praise vice into virtue,' 'to swear a youth into name,' or 'to thank a courtesy to life'—COLLIER says of his MS emendation that it seems 'clearly right, requiring no sophisticated explanation' But LETTSOM, in *Blackwood*, Aug 1853, observes, in reference to it, that 'if one flaw is mended, another and a worse one is made By reading *to untruth* we obtain, indeed, a proper antecedent to "it," which otherwise must be looked for, awkwardly enough, in the subsequent word "lie" But as a set-off against this improvement, we would ask, How can a man be said to make his memory a sinner *to untruth*? This would mean, if it meant anything, that the man's memory was true, and this is precisely what Prospero says Antonio's memory was not' On the other hand, STAUNTON says that this emendation of Collier's MS is 'entitled to more respect than it has received' Mrs KEMBLE goes even further, and asserts that it does 'immense service to the text' and 'carries its own authority in its manifest good sense'—SINGER Shadwell, in his Preface to *The Sullen Lovers*, has the following passage, which may serve to show that the idea was familiar at least to him 'like men that Lye so long, till they believe themselves'—JOHN HUNTER (*Longman's Series*) Through his manner of stating it, that is, his misrepresentation of it The commonly received interpretation of the text here makes the pronoun 'it' refer to the noun 'lie,' and thus, as I think, imputes to Shakespeare a very gross impropriety of arrangement—W A WRIGHT For the construction 'by telling of it' compare *Ant & Cleop* II, 1, 8 'So find we profit by losing of our prayers', where 'losing' is a verbal noun See Abbott, § 178 Bacon had the same idea in his mind when he wrote (*Advancement of Learning*, 1, 4, § 8, p 34, ed Wright) 'he that will easily believe rumours will as easily augment rumours, and add somewhat to them of his own, which Tacitus wisely noteth, when he saith, *Fingunt simul creduntque* so great an affinity hath fiction and belief'—PHILLPOTTS With the original reading 'into truth' may it not be for 'who having by telling of it credited his own lie into truth, making thereby a sinner of his memory'? The full construction then will be 'Who made such a sinner of his memory that he credited his own lie into truth by telling of it.' The sentence would have run 'Who having into truth, by telling of it, credited his own lie' But the words 'made such a sinner of his memory,' which should have been parenthetical, attracted 'credited' into 'to credit' to suit themselves—BULLOCH (*Studies*, &c. p 17) The difficulty is in the word 'having,' which would appear to be a portion of the verb 'made,' but is only a nominative similar to the kindred word 'telling' in the same line . . 'Having' is therefore a participial noun, and the preceding relative pronoun should be in the possessive

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case, as also another possessive should precede 'telling,' and the passage should run thus '*Whose having in the truth, by his telling of it*—FURNIVALL (*N & Qu* 5th S VII, 143) The difficulty has arisen from not seeing that 'having into,' like *hure at, have to*, so often in Shakespeare (see Schmidt's *Lex* I, 519) means 'cutting, slashing into, attacking' truth, that is, inventing a lie. Compare our modern 'have into him', 'slip into him.' The passage then reads, 'like one who, inventing a lie, by telling it repeatedly, made himself believe it,' as George IV at last persuaded himself that he had led a charge of cavalry at Waterloo—R M SPENCE (*N & Qu* 5th S VII, 184, 1877) I think I have at last managed to pick the lock of this difficult passage. The seemingly hopeless confusion has, I think, arisen from a wrong setting of the types by which the first and second halves of two lines have been wrongly joined together. The arrangement I suggest is 'Who having unto truth his memory Made such a sinner of, by telling of it To credit his own lie,' &c. By thus transposing the second halves of lines 118 and 119 and with [Warburton's change of 'into' to *unto*] all confusion is removed—R & — (*N & Qu* 5th S VII, p 324, 1877) I presume to suggest that [the difficulty] may be got over, perhaps, by changing the phrase to *loving an untruth*, i.e. loving the ideal for the real, the shadow for the substance. I would read and point 'Who,—*loving an untruth*,—by telling of it'—HUDSON (Robinson's *Ept of Lit* Dec 1873, p 195) The reading I propose is 'Who having *unto* truth, by *falsing* it' With this reading the pronoun 'it' may either refer to 'truth' or be used absolutely. The poet has many like instances of the latter usage, as, *to prince it, for to act the prince, and to monster it, for to be a monster*.

As the verb *to false* was passing out of use before 1623, it seems to me nowise unlikely that *false* should have got misprinted *tell*. [Here follow many instances of the use of *false* in the sense of *treating falsely, to falsify, to forge, to lie* Hudson adopted this conjecture in the text of his Harvard Edition.]—BRAE (Robinson's *Ept of Lit* Apr 1879, p 57) It seems to have escaped the attention of commentators on this passage that *to believe* is not a function of memory, but of the judgement, a propriety of distinction that would not fail to be recognised by Shakespeare.

The function of memory is that of a witness, and if, from any cause, memory be deceptive, it may be said to bear false witness and so become a *sinner*. Hence the verb *to credit*, attributed to memory in this passage, cannot have its more usual meaning of *to believe*, for that would be to attribute to memory an improper function, but it must have another of its meanings, viz. to accredit, or give favourable character to—Let the whole image be attentively considered, and it will be seen to completely harmonise with this meaning. A lie, pretending to the character of truth, being brought before the judgement for examination, cites the memory as witness to character, and memory, misled by a frequent repetition of the tale, is betrayed into the sin of bearing false witness, and credits the lie into truth—This transition from lie to truth has its proper expression in the preposition 'into,' and is incompatible with Warburton's ill-judged alteration to *unto*. By *unto* the idea of transmutation of one character into another is lost, the meaning of *believe* is given to 'credit', the action which belongs to 'credit' is transferred to 'sinner', and the object of 'it' is rendered ambiguous. Thus a totally different interpretation is forced upon the several parts, and certain difficulties of construction are suggested that have no existence in the original. The true key to the passage is to treat 'credit' as an active verb, with 'lie' for its object, and with the meaning of *authorise* or *certify to character*. That such is the function that Shakespeare would attribute to memory is strengthened

He was indeed the Duke, out o'th' Substitution
And executing th'outward face of Roraltie

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121 out o'th'] from Pope +, Cap

by another passage in the same scene, where Miranda is trying to recall some recollection of her infancy 'Tis far off And rather like a dream than an assurance That my remembrance warrants' Here 'warrants' is precisely the meaning that I am contending for in 'credit' But in *Pericles* [V, 1, 124] there is a passage with a still closer resemblance Pericles cites his 'senses' (his sight and hearing) as witnesses 'to credit' Marina's 'relation,' but not *into truth*, for it is truth already—D MORRIS (*Collins' English Classics*) 'It' is interpreted by most to refer to 'lie,' but by understanding *the* before 'telling' (by the telling of it), then it may with propriety be taken to refer to 'truth,' so that the phrase would mean 'by his manner of telling or stating truth' The meaning probably is 'Who having made such a sinner of his memory against truth, by his way of telling it, as to credit his own lie'—[Two conclusions will be forced, I think, upon any reader who has read carefully the foregoing comments First, that, however loud the outcry by the critics against this involved sentence, Shakespeare has been, as usual, eminently successful and peculiarly happy in conveying his precise meaning to one and all There is not the smallest variation in the universal apprehension of the essential meaning of Prospero's speech Secondly, if we may judge by results, and by the absence of unanimity among the 'emenders,' Shakespeare's own words, which all understand, are vastly to be preferred to any modification, which, however acceptable to him who proposes it, appears to be incomprehensible to all others—ED]

121 He . substitution] There have been three attempts to cure this malignant Alexandrine Steevens and Walker tried surgery, the former excised 'indeed' and the latter 'the' If the knife must be used, Steevens's operation is the better 'Omit "indeed,"' he tells us, 'and throw the emphasis on "was"' It is almost incomprehensible that Walker (*Crit* III, 1), with his sensitive ear, should have failed to perceive how false to due emphasis his prosaic line becomes by his treatment 'He was [indeed | Duke, out | o' th' subs | titution'—ABBOTT, § 501, gives the ailment another name, and considers the patient cured. He calls the line a Trimeter Couplet, and at once the Alexandrine is non-existent I do not believe that the intrusion among heroic verses of an Alexandrine, even with its exact cæsura, ever jarred on Elizabethan ears The elasticity and the flexibility of the heroic measure, whereby every word in the English language can be woven into the line, which cannot be said of any other metre, were chief among the elements which made it the great metre of the drama. As a part of that elasticity, an incorrigible, rhythmical Alexandrine was, I think, considered perfectly legitimate It is, perhaps, necessary merely to call attention to certain words in the next line, one of which ABBOTT, § 462, would pronounce *th' out-ward*, and another, which both WALKER (*Vers* 120) and ABBOTT, § 458, would pronounce *roy'ltty*—After all, this whole question of Alexandrines seems to resolve itself into a question of preference Evidently there are some ears, and musical ears too, which, as long as a line can be recited with five accents in it, and only five, are tolerant of contractions and absorptions, of 'burrs' and 'slurs' As the object of art is to give pleasure, all must be allowed to pronounce these lines as it pleases them best In future, however, the reader will be referred merely to the paragraphs on scanning in Abbott and Walker.—ED.

With all prerogative : hence his Ambition growing : 123
Do'st thou heare ?

Mira Your tale, Sir, would cure deafenesse. 125

Prof. To have no Schreene between this part he plaid,
And him he plaid it for, he needes will be
Absolute *Millaine*, Me (poore man) my Librarie
Was Dukedome large enough : of temporall roalties
He thinks me now incapable. Confederates 130

123 *his* is F₂ 128 *Millaine*] *Millanie* in Capell's F,
123, 124 *growing heare* ?] One line, ap Cam Ed
Steev Var Knt, Coll Wh 129 *enough*] *enough for*, Ktly
124 *Do'st thou*] *Dost Steev* Var *roalties*] *roalties* Ff *realities*
heare ?] *hear, child* ? Han *hear*, Wilson
girl ? Cap

123 ABBOTT, § 497

124 ABBOTT, § 511

126, 127 To have, &c.] CAPELL That is, that there might be no further call for his *appearing* an actor, and so continuing the imposition upon me whom he personated, which was open to all besides, 'he needs will,' &c.—DANIEL (p 10). In line 127 read, 'And *them* he play'd it for' Prospero was the screen behind which the traitorous Antonio governed the people of Milan, and to remove this screen from between himself and *them* he conspired his brother's overthrow—HUDSON pronounced this emendation eminently judicious, and, remarking that he 'never could make any sense out of the old text,' adopted it in his own I cannot agree with either Capell or Daniel or Hudson The meaning is to me clear that Antonio would no longer have the outward face of royalty, no not so much as a screen between him and royalty itself, between the shadow and the substance, the rôle of duke and the duke himself—DEIGHTON has anticipated me in paraphrasing it, 'that there might be nothing between the part assumed and the reality, he was determined to become Duke without any restrictions'—ED

128, 129 JEPHSON These lines are utterly irregular, the rhythm appears to me to run thus 'Absolute | Milan | For me | poor man, | my li | brary | Was duke | dom large | enough | of tem | poral roy | alties' But then there are two redundant syllables at the end of each line, the lines are too long by a foot.

128, 129 *Me . . enough*] MALONE That is, large enough *for*. [Under *Cymbeline*, V, v, 464 'Whom heavens . . Have laid most heavy hand,' Malone collected five or six similar examples of the omission of prepositions, but this number can be increased tenfold by referring to ABBOTT, §§ 198–202 That there is, however, no need of resorting to any such explanation here, ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc.* p 11) shows by proposing the following punctuation 'Me—"poor man" my library Was dukedom large enough"—of temporal royalties He thinks me now incapable' 'Me' requires no *as for* understood, but, after having been dropt by an anacoluthon, it is taken up again in 'He thinks *me*'; the words in italics do not express Prospero's own opinion about himself, and are not his, but his brother's Antonio calls him 'poor man,' &c. because he thinks him (as Prospero explains) incapable of temporal rule. To me this arrangement carries conviction—ED]

(fo drie he was for Sway) with King of *Naples* 131

To giue him Annuall tribute, doe him homage

Subiect his Coronet, to his Crowne and bend

The Dukedom yet vnbow'd (alas poore *Mullaine*)

To most ignoble stooping. 135

Mira Oh the heauens

Prof Marke his condition, and th'euent, then tell me
If this might be a brother.

Mira I should sinne

To thinke but Noblie of my Grand-mother, 140

Good wombes haue borne bad fonnes.

Pro. Now the Condition.

This King of *Naples* being an Enemy 143

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| 131 <i>drie</i>] <i>ripe</i> Wilson | Sing Dyce |
| <i>with</i>] <i>Ff</i> <i>with</i> Rowe+, Wh | 140 <i>but</i>] <i>not</i> Pope, Han |
| Rlfe <i>with</i> the Cap Cam Glo Wr <i>with</i> | 141, 142 As one line, given to Pros |
| the Steev et cet | pero Theob conj Han Huds |
| 135 <i>moß</i>] <i>much</i> Ff, Rowe, Pope, Han | 141 <i>borne</i>] <i>bore</i> Theob Warb Johns |
| Sing | 142 <i>the Condition</i>] <i>his conduct</i> Gould |
| 137 <i>his</i>] the Han | 143 <i>This</i>] <i>On which this</i> Wheler MS |
| <i>th'euent</i>] <i>the event</i> Steev Var | ap Hal |

130 *Confederates*] W A. WRIGHT. This appears to be generally employed in a bad sense So in *Henry VIII* I, II, 3, 'confederacy' is equivalent to *plot, conspiracy*

131 *drie*] STEEVENS That is, so *thirsty* Thus in *Tro and Cress* II, III, 234, 'his ambition is dry'—W A WRIGHT Still common in provincial English See *Hen IV* I, III, 31, 'When I was dry with rage' [To be *dry with* or *from* anything is common enough in this country, and is expressive, but to be *dry for* a thing is, I imagine, never heard, and the present is the only instance, according to Schmidt, of its use by Shakespeare If this be so, neither of the foregoing examples is exactly parallel.—Ed]

131 *with King*] See I, i, 74, DYCE remarks that here most probably the MS had the same mark of elision [as in the line referred to], to which the printer did not attend Perhaps Shakespeare meant us to pronounce the words as Rowe has printed them

138 *might*] For examples of this use, instead of *could*, see ABBOTT, § 312

140 *but Noblie*] STEEVENS. That is, *otherwise than*—See ABBOTT, § 124—PHILLPOTTS: Here 'but' means *except* So 'but gif' is Scotch for *unless*: and 'he is *but* a poor creature' comes from 'He *n*' is *but*,' i e. 'he is nothing but.' 'But' originally is *be-out* (by- or at-out), like 'with-out', as in Scotch, 'Touch not the cat *but* [without] a glove' Secondly, 'But' has also superseded the A. S. 'ac,' Lat 'at,' Greek ἀλλά 'N' is this maiden dead, *ac* heo slæpd' means 'This maiden is not dead, *but* she sleepeth' Hence the modern use, 'Why you won't fight him, will you, Bob?' 'Egad, *but* I will, Jack' Hence, thirdly, 'but' comes to be equivalent to French *mais*, Lat *magis*, 'rather'

To me inveterate, hearkens my Brothers suit,
 Which was, That he in lieu o'th' premises, 145
 Of homage, and I know not how much Tribute,
 Should presently extirpate me and mine
 Out of the Dukedome, and confer faire *Mullaine*
 With all the Honors, on my brother Whereon
 A treacherous Armie leuied, one mid-night 150
 Fated to th' purpose, did *Anthonio* open
 The gates of *Mullaine*, and ith' dead of darkeneffe
 The ministers for th' purpose hurried thence
 Me, and thy cying selfe.
Mir. Alack, for pittie: 155
 I not remembring how I cride out then

144 *hearkens*] *hears* Pope, Han
hearks Theob

145 *lieu o'th' premises*] *view o' the*
promises Wilson

149 *Whereon*] *Whereupon* Wheler
 MS ap Hal

151 *purpose*] *practice* Coll II, III (MS),
 Dyce II, III, Huds

153 *ministers*] *Minister* Rowe, Pope
 156 *out*] *on't* Theob (ed II), Cap

Dyce II, III, Huds *it* Lettsom *o'er 't*
 Kinnear

144 *hearkens*] To WALKER (*Crit* III, I) the pause seemed too slight to admit of the extra syllable, and he suggested *harks* or *hearks*, not knowing that he had been anticipated by Theobald ABBOTT, § 495, supposes that the extra syllables are in 'inveterate' at the end of the third foot 'To me | inveterate, | hearkens | my broth | er's suit'

145, 146 in lieu homage] M MASON: 'In lieu' means here in *consideration of*—KNIGHT deserts the punctuation of F., as does also STAUNTON, and reads 'in lieu o' the premises of homage,' wherein I can see no advantage. The 'premises' probably included other particulars beside homage and tribute. For a striking instance of 'in lieu,' signifying *in consideration of*, where this present line is cited, see notes on *Mer of Ven* V, 1, 286 'In lieu of this last night did he,' &c.—ED

149 Thus scan, according to ABBOTT, § 454 'With all | my (*sic*) hon | ours on | my brother | whereon' An extra syllable is frequently added before a pause, especially at the end of a line, but also at the end of the second foot, and, less frequently, at the end of the third foot, and, rarely, at the end of the fourth foot [as here], but see line 167, *post*: 'So dear | the love | my peo | ple bore me, | nor set'

151 *purpose*] COLLIER'S MS and his text (ed. II) read *practice*, meaning 'contrivance or conspiracy,' 'and we have,' says Collier, "'purpose,'" in its proper sense, only two lines below We may be pretty sure that Shakespeare would not have used the same word in both places—STAUNTON pronounces this change an improvement as does also Mrs KEMBLE, and DYCE (ed II) adopted it in his text

154. thy crying self] COLERIDGE (*Seven Lectures*, p 116) The power of poetry is, by a single word perhaps, to instil that energy into the mind, which compels the imagination to produce the picture Here by introducing a single happy epithet 'crying,' a complete picture is presented to the mind, and in the production of such pictures the power of genius consists

Will cry it ore againe . it is a hint 157

That wrings mine eyes too't

Pro Heare a little further,

And then I'le bring thee to the present bufineffe 160

Which now's vpon's · without the which, this Story

Were most impertinent

Mir. Wherefore did they not

That howre destroy vs ?

Pro. Well demanded, wench 165

My Tale prouokes that question · Deare, they durst not,

So deare the loue my people bore me nor fet

A marke so bloudy on the bufineffe, but

With colours fairer, painted their foule ends.

In few, they hurried vs a-boord a Barke, 170

157. *hint*] *hent* Coll conj

163. *Wherefore*] *Why* Pope +

158 *too't*] Om Farmer, Steev '93

166 *Deare*] Om Han

161 *vpon's*] *upon us* Cap Steev Mal

167 *bore me*] *bore* Pope

Var Knt, Hal Sing Ktly, Sta

157 cry it] W A WRIGHT That is, either 'will cry my crying,' in which case 'it' refers to the previous line, or it may be that 'it' is here used indefinitely, as in line 445 'Foote it featly' Cf *Lear*, IV, 1, 55, 'I cannot daub it further' The usage still remains in such phrases as 'to fight it out' [Cf Pope's 'Whether the fair one sinner it or saint it']

157 hint] STEEVENS and DYCE That is, suggestion See II, 1, 6—W A WRIGHT Subject, theme

158 too't] W A WRIGHT That is, to do it, referring to the crying of the previous ¹⁵⁷ *re.*

161 the which] *ABBOTT, § 270 The question may arise why *the* is attached to *which* and not to *who* (The instance of 'the whom' in *Wint Tale*, IV, iv, 539, is, perhaps, unique in Shakespeare) The answer is that *who* is considered definite already, and stands for a noun, while *which* is considered an indefinite adjective, just as in French we have '*lequel*,' and not '*lequi*'

161 now's vpon's] COLLIER calls attention here to the fact that *The Tempest* is printed with unusual accuracy in regard to contractions.

162 impertinent] In its original, Latin meaning

165 demanded] W A WRIGHT 'Demand,' like the French *demandeur*, was formerly used for *to ask*, simply without the idea which now attaches to it of asking with authority or as a right

167 deare] STAUNTON (*Athen* 16 Nov 1872). There is nothing essentially wrong in this, but I have a strong impression that Shakespeare wrote 'they durst not so *dare* the love,' &c Connect what follows—'nor set A mark,' &c

167 me] See line 149, above

167 nor] W. A. WRIGHT. This word might be omitted with advantage to the metre and without injuring the sense [Hudson followed this suggestion]

168 but] See line 14, above

Boie vs some Leagues to Sea, where they prepared 171
A rotten carkasse of a Butt, not rigg'd,

172 Butt] F₂F₃, Knt, Coll 1, Wrt, D Morris, Cam III But F₄ boat Rowe et
cet hulk Kinnear

170 In few] STAUNTON To be brief, in a few words—For other adjectives used as nouns, see ABBOTT, § 5

172 carkasse] RUSHTON (*Sh III by Old Authors*, II, 58) cites the 'carkasse of a ship,' from Sidney's *Arcadia*, I, 4

172 Butt] KNIGHT It is clear we are not justified in adopting the modern substitution of *boat*. Whether the idea of a wine-butt was literally meant to be conveyed may be questionable, but the word, as it stands in the original, gives us the notion of a vessel even more insecure than the most rotten boat—HUNTER (I, 159) I think *boat* would not have been mistaken by a compositor for 'butt,' or that such an error (if error) could by possibility have escaped the eye of the corrector of the press, or if it passed in the First Folio, would have remained uncorrected in the Second. At the same time the expression 'the very rats instinctively had quit it,' suits better with a boat than with a butt. It is also evident that no butt we can conceive of would have received and floated such a freight, but then we are on a tale of enchantment, not one of actual fact, and it is perhaps as difficult to conceive of a boat receiving such a freight and 'without tackle, sail, or mast' conveying those who are committed to it from the Italian coast to near the coast of Africa. I have no doubt that when the story is found on which Shakespeare wrought in this play, we shall find there a justification of this hard reading—DYCE (*Remarks*, 3), after ridiculing Knight and Collier for retaining 'butt,' adds 'Surely the context alone is sufficient to stave the "butt", "not rigg'd, Nor tackle, sail, nor mast" (If the vessel in question had really been a BUTT, would Prospero have complained of such deficiencies?—deficiencies which no human ingenuity could have supplied) "The very rats instinctively had quit it" (Do these animals live in *butts*?—The rats "instinctively" had left the *boat*,—they knew by instinct that it was likely to go to pieces)'—BR NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 3d S v, 226) The question is whether this is a misprint, or an unknown nautical term. For my own part, I had long held the latter opinion, and for this reason, that we find Othello saying 'here is my butt And very sea-mark of my utmost sail' Now there is no reason of circumstance why Othello, the soldier, should use, or go off into, a sea-simile, unless this, that the sound of the word 'butt,' by the laws of association, brought vaguely before his mind (that is to Shakespeare's fruitful and versatile imagination) the idea of the sea, and so led him to speak no longer of a land butt, but of a sea beacon. My only doubt was whether the word was an English sea-term, or one borrowed by Shakespeare from the Italian original, and used as other words are used in other plays, to give a local colouring to the tale. It may yet be found to have been English, but at present I have found it only in Italian [From Vauzon's *Dir Univ d L Italiana* it appears that *Botto* is 'a kind of galliot, Dutch or Flemish,' and] that a Dutch galliot (s v *Gale-a-otta*) is in rig similar to the old Welsh sloops, and as to the shape of the hull, it has very rounded ribs, very little run, and flattish bottom, the ribs joining the keel almost horizontally, a sort of tub of a thing. There being, therefore, in the Italian harbour, or possibly lying on the beach, some old rotten hulk of this kind, too rotten to be taken home, or to be even worth the trouble of breaking up, the nobleman in charge of Prospero was

Nor tackle, sayle, nor maft, the very rats 173

Instinctuely haue quit it There they hoyft vs

To cry to th' Sea, that roard to vs, to figh 175

To th' windes, whose pittie fighing backe againe

Did vs but louing wrong.

Mir Alack, what trouble

Was I then to you?

Pro O, a Cherubin 180

Thou was't that did preferue me; Thou didst smile

Infused with a fortitude from heauen,

When I haue deck'd the sea with drops full falt, 183

173 *sayle*] *nor sayle* Ff, Rowe, Pope,
Cap

174 *haue*] *had* Rowe+, Cap Steev.
Mal Var Coll II, III (MS), Glo Ktly,
Dyce II, III, Wh II

176 *To th'*] *To* Pope, Han

180 *Cherubim*] *Cherubim* F, Rowe +
Steev Mal Knt, Coll Sing

183 *deck'd the sea*] *lack'd* *The sea*,
Wilson

deck'd] *brack'd* Han *mock'd*
Warb *dew'd* Rann conj *degg'd* Huds

ordered to take it in tow, into mid-sea, and well out of sight of land, and then turn it adrift with Prospero in it—W A WRIGHT No other instance is known of 'butt' in this sense, although *buss*, which has been conjectured, is still used at Yarmouth for a herring-boat, and the A S *butse carlas*, sailors, is found in the Saxon Chronicle, anno 1066 *Catch* (compare *ketch* or *keech*, a tub) was the name of a small vessel [A noteworthy instance of the impropriety of meddling with Shakespeare's text, or of attempting to adjust Shakespeare's knowledge to our ignorance Unquestionably, 'butt,' albeit now lost to us, is the true word Nicholson's note tends singularly to confirm Hunter's prophecy—ED]

174 *haue*] DYCE (ed 1) Our old writers sometimes use *haue* where we should use *had*—HALLIWELL (p 18) This is altered very indistinctly but apparently to *had* in a copy of F₂, which formerly belonged to the Earl of Inchiquin, and is corrected in a nearly coeval hand—W A WRIGHT For a similar change from the past to the present in a description, see line 238 of this scene, and *Wint. Tale*, V, II, 83

174 *quit* *hoyst*] See WALKER (*Crit* II, 324) for forms of past tenses and participles, from verbs ending in *t* and also (though less numerous) in *d*, where the present remains unaltered Or ABBOTT, §§ 341, 342 Or lines 38, 246 of this scene

175 *cry* *roard*] STEVENS Compare *Wint. Tale*, III, III, 100 'How the poor souls roared, and the sea mocked them'

180 *Cherubin*] As this word was probably adopted from the French or the Italian, it is mere accident that it is the Chaldee plural, and not the Hebrew, *Cherubim*—ED.

183 *deck'd*] WARBURTON I imagine that Shakespeare wrote *mock'd*, i e lent the sea this trifling addition of salt-water For when anything is given or added, the effect of which is not felt or perceived, it was in the language of that time properly called *mocking*—HEATH (p 7) The word may signify to *cover*, *tegere*, in which sense the Anglosaxons used it. See Lye's *Etymologicon* Thus the earth is said

Vnder my burthen groan'd, which raif'd in me
 An vndergoing stomacke, to beare vp 185
 Against what should ensue
Mir How came we a shore? 187

184 *Vnder*] *And at Orger*

to be *decked* with flowers, that is, either adorned or covered with them. If any alteration in this place is necessary, I think it should be in favour of the construction, which may be easily re-established by a very small change, thus 'When I, *who* deck'd,' &c.—HOLT (p. 24) That is, adorned the sea with the trophies of human weakness, Tears.—JOHNSON 'To deck the sea,' is explained 'to honour, adorn, or dignify,' is indeed ridiculous, but the original import of the verb *deck* is to *cover*, in some parts they yet say *deck the table*. This sense may be borne, but perhaps the poet wrote *fleck'd*, which I think is still used, in rustic language, of drops falling upon water.—THOMAS WHITE (ap. Fennell, p. 14) I have not the least doubt Shakespeare wrote, 'When I have *rik'd* the sea,' &c., i. e. increased the sea. This emendation was proposed many years ago (I think) in *The Monthly Review*, though I am not the author of it. [Hereupon follow many examples of the augmenting of the sea, or rivers, or brooks with tears.]—MALONE To *deck*, I am told, signifies, in the North, to *sprinkle*. See Ray's *Dict. of North Country Words*, in *verb* to *deg* and to *deck*, and his *Dict. of South Country Words* in *verb* *dag*, the latter signifies *dew* upon the grass,—hence *daggie-tailed*. In Cole's *Latin Dict.* 1679, we find 'To *dag*, collutulo, irroro'.—REED A correspondent, who signs himself *Eboracensis*, proposes that this contested word should be printed *degg'd*, which, he says, signifies *sprinkled*, and is in daily use in the North of England. The *sprinkling* of clothes before ironing them is by the maidens universally called *degging*.—KNIGHT In the *Glossary of the Craven Dialect* we find that to *deg* is to sprinkle. We cannot certainly receive 'deck'd' in the usual sense of *adorned*. Its other meaning of *covered* still gives us a forced idea.—COLLIER, STAUNTON, DYCE, WHITE all agree that, if it be not a corruption of the old Provincialism *degged*, it means the same *sprinkled*.—BAILEY (ii, 156) says that the process of sprinkling clothes before ironing them was, in his childhood, termed *lecking*, and that 'in *The Dialect of Leeds*, recently published, *leck* is defined "to sprinkle water," and *lecks* as equivalent to "droppings"'. He therefore proposes to read in the present line *leck'd*.—W. A. WRIGHT In Carr's *Glossary of Craven* it is said, 'to *deg* clothes is to sprinkle them with water previous to ironing'. On this Professor Sedgwick noted, 'To make damp is the meaning'. In Atkinson's *Glossary of the Cleveland Dialect*, 'dagg' or 'degg' is explained, 'to sprinkle with water, to drizzle,' and 'dagged,' 'wet, bedagged'. In Brockett's *Glossary of North Country Words*, we find 'Dag, to drizzle', 'Dag, a drizzling rain, dew upon the grass', and 'Daggy, damp, wet'. The three forms, 'deck,' 'deg,' and 'dag,' are no doubt connected with the Icelandic *degr*, 'damp, wet'.

185 *stomacke*] DYCE Stubborn resolution, courage. The present phrase signifies an enduring stubbornness.—W. A. WRIGHT Cf. *2 Macc.* vii, 21 'stirring up her womanish thoughts with a manly stomach'. In the sense of 'pride' it occurs in the Prayer book Version of *Psalms* ci, 7, and in *Hen VIII* IV, ii, 34.

187 *we a shore*] ABBOTT, § 462 Syllables ending in vowels are also frequently elided before vowels in reading, though not in writing. Thus: 'Against | what should | ensue | How came | we a-shore?'

Pro By prouidence diuine, 188
 Some food, we had, and some fresh water, that
 A noble *Neopolitan Gonzalo* 190
 Out of his Charity, (who being then appointed
 Master of this designe) did giue vs, with
 Rich garments, linnens, stuffs, and necessaries
 Which since haue fteeded much, so of his gentleness
 Knowing I lou'd my bookes, he furnishd me 195
 From mine owne Library, with volumes, that
 I prize aboue my Dukedome.
Mir Would I might
 But euer see that man.
Pro. Now I arise, 200

188 *diuine*,] Ff, Knt, Sing *diuine*,
 Rowe *diuine* Pope et cet

190 Neopolitan] F₂

191 *who*] Om Pope+, Glo Ktly,
 Wh 11 *he* Cap

194 *much, so*] *much* So Rowe
gentleness] *gentlesse* Anon ap
 Meiklejohn

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196 *mine*] *my* Pope+, Steev Mal
 Var Coll

200 *I arise*] *Ariel* Theob conj (*Nich*
Ill 11, 246) *I may rise* Bailey (given
 to *Mir*) P rises (stage direct) Cartwright
I arrive Herr

[Puts on his Robe Coll (MS)
 Resumes his robe Dyce Aside to *Ariel*
 above Sta

188 *diuine*,] KNIGHT objects, and properly, I think, to the period which is almost universally put after this word 'Prospero's entire narrative is the answer' to Miranda's question KEIGHTLEY omits even the comma, which is, perhaps, best of all —ED

191 *who*] W A WRIGHT This reading, although it makes the construction confused, is most likely the true one Such careless constructions are not unusual in Shakespeare By substituting *was* for 'being' the clause may be read parenthetically, as it is in the Folios

194 *gentleness*] WALKER (*Vers* p 272) observes that the trisyllabic termination of a line, which is so frequent in the dramatists of a later age, occurs very seldom indeed in Shakespeare Consequently, he believes (*Vers* p 191) that "gentleness" here, like *gentlemen* elsewhere, is pronounced as a dissyllable [After all, these devices to reduce the foot to its metrical size by contractions and by elisions recall the attempts of the elder sister to squeeze her foot into Cinderella's slipper, the mutilation of her foot was as painful as it was in vain —ED]

199 *But euer*] ABBOTT, § 39 'Ever,' in this passage, seems contrary to modern usage 'But,' however, implies a kind of negative, and 'ever' means *at any time*

200 *I arise*] WARBURTON That is, Now I come to the principal part of my story, for the sake of which I told the foregoing —HEATH (p 7) Warburton's interpretation falls very little short of being ridiculous Prospero having sat down with Miranda at the time he laid aside his magic garment, and being now come almost to the end of his narrative, arises to give his orders to *Ariel* —CAPELL (p 57) The sense is merely,—Now I get up which, though it be odd enough in Prospero to say,

[200 Now I arise]

yet, that he does say it, seems plain enough from what is instantly added,—‘Sit still’, words address’d to Miranda, who is rising upon seeing him rise—BLACKSTONE Perhaps these words belong to Miranda. The story being ended (as Miranda supposes), she first expresses a wish to see Gonzalo, and then observes that she may *now arise*, as the story is done—STEEVENS. The words may signify, ‘now, I rise in my narration,’—‘now my story *heightens* in its consequence’. We still say that the interest of a drama *rises* or declines. [This is merely a paraphrase of Warburton—ED.]—COLLIER (*Notes*, &c. 1853, p. 5) *Put on robe again* is written in the MS. This refers back to line 32, ‘lie there my art’. The great propriety of Prospero’s removal of his robe of power during his narration to his daughter is evident, he did not then require its aid, but just before he concluded, and just before he was to produce a somnolency in Miranda by the exercise of preternatural influence, he resumed it—COLLIER (ed. II, 1858). We are to presume that he left his seat with the words, ‘Now, I arise,’ and that Miranda took it, on some indication of her father’s wish that she should do so. Commentators have not known how to account for the sudden somnolency of the heroine. Nobody has seen that, Prospero having put off his magic robe, it was necessary for him to put it on again, and that he was thus enabled to accomplish what he wished, viz. to produce drowsiness on the part of his daughter—STAUNTON. The purport of these words has never been satisfactorily explained, because they have been always understood as addressed to Miranda. If we suppose them directed, not to her, but aside to Ariel, who has entered, invisible except to Prospero, after having ‘Perform’d to point the tempest,’ and whose arrival occasions Prospero to operate his sleepy charm upon Miranda, they are perfectly intelligible. That they were so intended becomes almost certain from Prospero’s language presently, when the charm has taken effect, see lines 219, 220, *post*—DYCE (ed. III). I cannot dispel the obscurity which has always hung over these words—BR. NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 3d S. IX, 28, 1866). There may be some doubt as to the exact stage action, but the only real difficulty is, why Prospero, when rising, should take the trouble to say that he is doing so. But whether he sees Ariel, or whether, as is more likely, through the prevision of his art, he is now aware that the time for second action is at hand, he becomes somewhat rapt and inattentive to Miranda and her words. Something similar occurs when the danger from Caliban draws on. He speaks this, therefore, half to himself, and as in answer to his thought thus occultly influenced. Then, when, as is natural, his daughter would rise with him, he turns to her with ‘sit still,’ and, girt with readiness, finishes the story, and compels her to sleep—W. A. WRIGHT. These words do not refer to a climax in Prospero’s narrative, as Steevens thinks, but rather to a crisis in his fortunes. At this point his fate culminated, and his reappearance from obscurity was a kind of resurrection, or like the rising of the sun—BR. NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 6th S. III, 263, 1881) returned again to the subject, but adds little beyond emphasizing what COLLIER had long ago said. ‘The whole difficulty,’ says Nicholson, ‘has arisen from forgetting that Prospero had doffed his robe, and that to resume his *role* of magician he must resume that robe’—[I fail to see much force in the explanations which have been given, nor have I any faith in the medicinal power of a stage-direction. It is only very, very rarely that Shakespeare’s text needs any stage-directions. All needful hints to the actor are clearly given him in the text. When Prospero says ‘pluck my magick garment from me. So, Lye there my art’ is there a conceivable need of inserting in the margin, as a stage direction, ‘He lays down his garment’? Is there an intelligence so feeble

Sit still, and heare the laft of our fea-forrow 201
 Heere in this Iland we arriu'd, and heere
 Haue I, thy Schoolemafter, made thee more profit
 Then other Princeffe can, that haue more time
 For vainer howres, and Tutors, not fo carefull 205

204 *Princeffe*] F₂F₃ *Princeff* F₄, *cesses* Cam 1, Glo Wrt, Dtn
 Knt, Coll Ktly, Wh 11 *Princes* Rowe +, 205 *howres*] *lores* Bailey *joys* Ktly
 Cap Steev Mal Var Sing Wh 1 *Prin-* conj
cess' Hal Dyce, Sta Clke, Cam 111 *Prin-*

that it cannot supply that fact from the context? If there be, and it will persist in reading its Shakespeare, we must surely regret not that there are so many stage-directions in modern editions, but that there are so few, and after Prospero's command to Miranda to wipe her eyes, we must with alacrity hasten to add the stage-direction 'Uses her handkerchief' If Shakespeare intended that Prospero should here 'arise' to put on his magic garment, I think he would have instructed the actor with the same minuteness as when he told him to put it off. As he has not done so, I cannot think that the words have any reference thereunto. If, after all, they have such a reference, then I retreat to that humiliating refuge of the weak and the timid, and conjecture that one 'or more lines have been lost'. If, on the other hand, 'arise' is here used figuratively, then in the exercise of the right of private judgement we may put on it what interpretation we please. If, however, the word does not refer to the magic garment, nor bear a figurative meaning, but is the sophistication of the printer, then, I think, from the *ductus literarum*, Theobald's suggestion of *Ariel* deserves consideration.—ED.]

204 *Princesse*] That any editor in these days would venture to follow Rowe, and adopt *Princes* in his text, is more than doubtful. The fact is now generally accepted (thanks to WALKER, *Vers* 246, and ABBOTT, § 471) that it is sufficient for a word to terminate in the sound of *s* to be regarded by the ear as a plural. Thus here, that 'Princesse' is a plural is to be inferred from the verb 'haue'. To be sure, the same may be said of Rowe's *Princes*, but then in order to make *princes* feminine, we have to find contemporary authorities, which is not impossible. GRANT WHITE (ed. 1) gives one or two instances where in 1581 Queen Elizabeth was alluded to as a 'Prince,' and W. A. WRIGHT refers to an exactly similar instance in Bacon's *Advancement of Learning*. In *As You Like It*, I, ii, 159 (of this ed.), we have 'the Princesse calls for you,' and Orlando replies, 'I attend *them* with all,' &c., where, I have but little doubt, the error lies in the printer's mistake of 'calls' instead of *call*. In both cases the drift of modern opinion is in favour of printing, for the eye, 'Princess'. The Third Cambridge Edition has thus printed it here, deserting its former reading. Halliwell was the earliest to adopt 'Princess,' and as his Folio Edition is mainly archæological, he should receive credit when it is equally good in the matter of text. In 1797, RICHARD SILL, under the name of *Chas Durrill*, printed some *Remarks on Shakespeare's Tempest*, his quality may be tasted in his note on 'still-vexed Bermoothes,' where he refers the reason for the use of 'still-vex'd,' not to storms, but to 'rats'. In the present line he would read 'Than other princess can, that *has* more time,' &c., which he paraphrases 'I have made thee more profit than (any) other princess can (have made), that has more time for vainer hours,' &c.—ED.]

205 *howres*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) 'Hour' is equivalent to the *employment*

To answer thy best pleasure, be't to fly, 222
 To swim, to dive into the fire. to ride
 On the curld clouds to thy strong bidding, taske
Ariel, and all his Qualitie 225
Pro Haft thou, Spirit,
 Performd to point, the Tempest that I bad thee.
Ar. To every Article.
 I boarded the Kings ship: now on the Beake,
 Now in the WASTE, the Decke, in every Cabyn, 230
 I flam'd amazement, sometime I'd diuide

222 *be't*] *be t* Ff, Rowe
 225 *Qualitie*] *qualities* Pope, Theob
 Han Warb

231 *amazement*] *amazement* Rowe
sometime] Knt, Hal Dyce, Cam
 Glo Wrt *sometimes* Ff et cet

The Faithful Shepherdess [V, v, p 119, ed Dyce This fact would be of use in fixing the Date of Composition of *The Tempest*, if we were quite sure of the date of *The Faithful Shepherdess* Gifford says, it 'was brought out in 1610, perhaps before', Dyce agrees with him The passage to which Henley refers is not so parallel that a charge of imitation can be brought against it Although it is not the only imitation of Shakespeare by Fletcher in that play, the presumption that Henley is right is scarcely possible See Appendix, p 349—ED]

222-225 JOURDAIN (p 137) would emend and divide the lines as follows 'To answer thy *behest* or pleasure, be t To fly, to swim, to dive into the fire, To ride on the curld clouds & thy strong bidding Task Ariel and all his quality'

225 *Qualitie*] STEEVENS That is, all his confederates, all who are of the same profession So in *Hamlet*, II, ii, 452 DYCE, while giving the meaning of the word in general as 'a profession, a calling, an occupation,' agrees with Steevens as to its meaning in the present passage Steevens's reference to Hamlet's 'give us a taste of your quality' is inappropriate, Hamlet uses the word technically, as referring to the *profession of an actor*—ED

227 to point] STEEVENS. That is, to the minutest article See SCHMIDT *Lex II*

229 *Beake*] MURRAY (*New Eng Dict*) The pointed and ornamented projection at the prow of ancient vessels, especially of war-galleys 'Crushedde and brused in their foore partes with the beakes of the Corynthians'—Nicolls, *Thucyd* 1550

230 *Waste*] JOHNSON The part between the quarter-deck and the forecastle; [to this WRIGHT adds.] being usually a hollow space, with an ascent of several steps to either of these places

231, &c CAPELL (III, 7) • 'I do remember that in the great and boysterous storme of this foule weather, in the night, there came upon the toppe of our maine yarde and maine maste, a certaine little light, much like unto the light of a little candle, which the *Spaniards* called the *Cuerpo santo*, and saide it was *S. Elmo*, whom they take to bee the advocate of Sailers . . . This light continued aboard our ship about three houres, flying from maste to maste, and from top to top, and sometimes it would be in two or three places at once'—Hakluyt's *Voyages*, 1598, III, 450—COTGRAVE *Furore* f A little blaze of fire appearing by night on the tops of souldiers' launces, or

And burne in many places; on the Top-maft, 232
 The Yards and Bore-spritt, would I flame distinctly,
 Then meete, and ioyne *Iouis* Lightning, the precursors
 O'th dreadfull Thunder-claps more momentarie 235
 And fight out-running were not, the fire, and cracks
 Of fulphurous roaring, the most mighty *Neptune*
 Seeme to besiege, and make his bold waues tremble, 238

233 *Bore-spritt*] *Bolt-spritt* Rowe+,
 Mal *bowspritt* Steev et seq

234 *Lightning*] Ff, Rowe, Pope
aghinnings Theob et cet

235 *O'th*] *Of* Pope+

235 *Thunder-claps*] *thunder-clap*
 Cap

238 *Seeme*] *Seem'd* Rowe ++, Steev
 Mal Dyce II, III, Huds

at sea on the sayleyards, where it whirls, and leapes in a moment from one place to another, some Mariners call it S. Hermes fire, if it come double tis held a signe of good lucke, if single, otherwise [Eight or ten sources are enumerated in Douce, I, 4, wherefrom a repetition of the foregoing information may be obtained. In *Sea Words and Phrases along the Suffolk Coast*, by the late EDWARD FITZGERALD (the author, rather than the translator, of the best portions of the *Rubaiyat* of Omar Khayyam), there is the following COMPOSANT. Some years ago a young sailor was telling me of a "composite" lighting on each mast of a yawl during a stormy night. I didn't understand the word, though I knew the meaning, an older sailor explained that "composant" was the proper word. I was not wiser till I chanced upon the explanation in *Dampier's Voyages*. [An account from Dampier here follows, of the appearance, on a certain occasion, of a *Corpus sant*, Dampier concludes.] I have heard some ignorant seamen discoursing how they have seen them creep, or, as they say, *travel*, about in the scuppers. But I did never see any one stir out of the place where it was first fixt, except upon deck, where every sea wasbeth it about, . . . and therefore I do believe it is some jelly' [Fitzgerald then resumes] 'Dampier's men probably called the word *corpusant* or *corposant*, whence *composant*, and after the invention of certain candles peculiar to the nineteenth century, *composite*. What wise children now call it I don't know, whether phosphorescence, electricity, or what not. But they will doubtless smile with kindly pity at "old Dampier's jelly"; though when *we* were children any theory of "jelly" would have gone a long way in finding favour with us.'

233 *Bore-spritt*] An unusual form, but of which MURRAY (*New Engl Dict*) gives two other examples. 'The origin [of bowspritt] seems to lie between Low Germ., Du., and Eng. . . . But against the compound *bow-spritt* being of English rise are the late appearance of *bow* in the language, and the numerous perverted forms with *bore*, *boar*, *bolt*, *bold*, *bole*, *boule*, which seem to show that the connection with *bow* was not evident to English sailors, either in sense or pronunciation.'

233 *distinctly*] SRAUNTON That is, separately —[See II, I, 231, where it qualifies a sound.]

234, &c. GREY (I, II) surmises that this latter part of Ariel's speech was 'taken from some buskin writer of the time by way of ridicule.'

238 *Seeme*] This printer's error for *seem'd* is one of the instances cited by WALKER (*Crit* II, 65) of the confusion of the final *d* and final *e*. Cf 'boile,' V. I.

Yea, his dread Tident shake

Pro My braue Spirit, 240

Who was so firme, so constant, that this coyle

Would not infect his reason ?

Ar Not a soule

But felt a Feauer of the madde, and plaid

Some tricks of desperation, all but Mariners 245

Plung'd in the foaming bryne, and quit the vessell ;

Then all a fire with me the Kings sonne *Ferdinand*

With haire vp-staring (then like reeds, not haire)

Was the first man that leapt, cride hell is empty,

And all the Duels are heere. 250

Pro. Why that's my spirit

But was not this nye shore ?

Ar. Clofe by, my Maister. 253

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| 239 <i>dread</i>] <i>dead</i> Ff | Theob Han Warb |
| 240 <i>My braue</i>] <i>My brave, brave</i> | 245 <i>but</i>] <i>but the Hunter, Ktly</i> |
| Theob Warb Cap <i>That's my brave</i> | 246, 247 <i>vessell, 'with me</i>] <i>vessel, .</i> |
| Han Ktly | <i>with me, Rowe</i> |
| 244 <i>madde</i>] <i>mind</i> Rowe II, Pope, | 249, 250 <i>Was And</i>] One line, F ₄ |

72, and 'entertaine,' line 87 in the same scene In the present case the compositor probably followed his ear, 'seeme to' has the sound of the past tense KNIGHT, however, upholds 'seem' because it makes the past present

239, 240 *shake* . *braue*] To read this line metrically FARMER would make a dissyllable of 'shake,' and ABBOTT, § 484, of 'brave' See also Text Note, 'my braue'

244 *the madde*] STEEVENS Not a soul but felt such a fever as madmen feel when the frantic fit is upon them

245 *but*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) suggested that the text really contained a *the*, which being pronounced like a *t*, was assimilated to the *t* in 'but,' and so lost to the ear, but that its presence may have been indicated in the MS by an apostrophe, which was carelessly dropped by the printer [In this note, written nigh thirty years ago, Allen was the first, I think, to call attention to the process, with which we are all now familiar under the name of 'absorption' See 'at' nostrils,' *post* II, II, 68, and 'with' king,' I, I, 74, also *As You Like It*, II, VI, 6, in this ed.]

246 *quit*] See line 174 of this scene

248 *vp-staring*] DYCE (*Few Notes*, 10) Many readers of Shakespeare are perhaps not aware how common this expression was formerly It not only found a place in the most serious poetry, as here, and in Chapman's *Hero and Leander* (Marlowe's *Works*, III, 91, ed Dyce), but belonged to the phraseology of daily life '*Les cheveux luy dressent*' His haire stares, or stands annend,'—Cotgrave, sub *Dresser*; and compare Florio's *Dict*, sub *Arricciare* [For a similar adverbial compound see *Jul. Cæs* IV, III, 280, or ABBOTT, § 429 *Staring* is still in common use, in this cuntry, in reference to the coat of horses when they are ill —ED.]

Pro. But are they (*Ariell*) safe?

Ar. Not a haire perisht: 255

On their sustaining garments not a blemish,
But fresher then before. and as thou badst me,
In troops I haue disperd them 'bout the Isle.
The Kings sonne haue I landed by himselfe,
Whom I left cooling of the Ayre with fighes, 260
In an odde Angle of the Isle, and fitting
His armes in this sad knot.

Pro Of the Kings ship,
The Marriners, say how thou hast disposd,
And all the rest o'th'Fleete? 265

Ar. Safely in harbour
Is the Kings shippe, in the deepe Nooke, where once 267

256 *sustaining*] *unstaining* Spedding, Huds *sea-staining* Spedding ap Cam
sea-drenched Gould

254 *But . . . safe*] DIRRILL (p 61) It appears remarkable that Shakespeare should make Prospero ask this question, and others of the same purport. It certainly was needless; for his prescience informed him that they were all safe. He had before this declared to Miranda that there was no harm done, that there was not so much perdition as an hair. Perhaps it might be in order to give the audience an opportunity of being more fully acquainted with the particulars.

256 *sustaining*] STEEVENS That is, their garments that bore them up and supported them. Cf *Ham* IV, vii, 176 'Her clothes spread wide, And, mermaid-like, awhile they bore her up'—M MASON (p 4), on the other hand, maintained that Steevens could not be right, because all garments except cork jackets would have dragged the wearer down, therefore he says that 'sustaining' here means *enduring*, garments which bore without being injured the drenching of the sea. In the earliest Variorum, 1773, Steevens gives, from Edwards's MSS, the emendation *sea-stained*, because, said the author of the note, 'it was not the floating of their cloaths, but the magic of Prospero which preserved, as it had wrecked, them.'

260 *cooling of*] For other examples of the use of *of* after verbals, signifying *in the act of*, see ABBOTT, § 178

263, 264 *Of . . . Marriners*] Hanmer was the first to desert the punctuation of the Folio, and, by striking out the comma after 'ship,' construed the sentence. 'How hast thou disposed of the mariners of the king's ship?' He has been followed by almost every subsequent edition, except Knight's, which restored the comma, and the Globe Edition and its followers, which omitted both commas. The Folio is clearly right (the Third Cam. Ed has returned to it); 'the mariners' is parenthetical—ED

264 *thou hast*] WALKER, in his valuable chapter (*Crit* ii, 246) on the *Transposition of Words*, queries whether these should not be *hast thou*, just as we have say again, where didst thou, &c, IV, i, 194, *post*. See also IV, i, 11, *post*

266 *Safely in harbour*] See II, i, 357

Thou call'dst me vp at midnight to fetch dewe 268
 From the still-vext *Bermoothes*, there she's hid,
 The Marriners all vnder hatches stowed, 270
 Who, with a Charme ioyn'd to their suffred labour
 I haue left asleep. and for the rest o'th' Fleet
 (Which I dispers'd) they all haue met againe,
 And are vpon the *Mediterraman* Flote
 Bound fadly home for *Naples*, 275
 Supposing that they saw the Kings ship wrackt,
 And his great person perish
Pro. Ariel, thy charge
 Exactly is perform'd; but there's more worke:
 What is the time o'th' day? 280

269 *Bermoothes*] *Bermudas* Theob 274 *are Flote*] *all float* Coll II, III
 271 *Who*] *Whom* Han Johns Steev (MS)
 Mal Var Knt, Coll *upon*] on Pope
 272 *I haue*] *I've* Pope +, Dyce II, III, 275-277 Two lines, ending that
 Huds *perish* Ktly

269 still-vext *Bermoothes*] HANMER noted that here is the Spanish pronunciation of the *Bermudas*, and W A WRIGHT has added several varieties of the spelling 'I would sooner swim to the Bermootha's on bladders,' &c — Webster, *Duchess of Malfy*, III, II [p 243, ed Dyce, where, however, it is spelled *Bermoothes*], 'an engine That's only fit to put in exection Barmotho pigs' — Ib *Devil's Law-Case*, III, II [p 62, ed Dyce], 'victual out a witch for the Burmoother' — Fletcher, *Women Pleas'd*, I, II [p 16, ed Dyce, also cited by Warburton] The islands are called 'still-vext,' that is, *constantly, always vexed* by tempests, from the accounts of them which early voyagers brought home, and which were so unvarying in their character that, as Hunter says, the Bermudas became a commonplace in Shakespeare's time whenever storms and tempests were the theme This present passage plays a large share in the speculations concerning the 'Date of the Composition' of this play, and as all, I believe, of the references to it are gathered together under that heading in the Appendix, to that Appendix the reader must be now referred — En

271 *Who*] See I, II, 97, or IV, I, 6

272 *for*] For examples of 'for,' in the sense of *as regards*, see ABBOTT, § 149

272. the rest o'th' Fleet] HOLT (p 26) Had not Shakespeare thus accounted for the dispersion of the fleet, either Alonso and his people must have had help, or more have been shipwrecked with him, either of which would have spoiled the plot, and are both thus happily and skilfully avoided

274 *are*] STAUNTON What is gained by Collier's MS alteration we cannot discern

274 *Flote*] DYCE (*Gloss*) Flood, wave, sea Minshew has 'A flote or waue G. Flot L. Fluctus' — W A WRIGHT Like A S and Fr *flot*, and Germ *fluth*.

280-282 *What . . . Glasses*] GREY (I, II) 'At least two glasses' should seem more properly spoke by Ariel For why should Prospero ask the time of day if he knew it better than Ariel? [Upton (p 259) had made the same conjecture, and Theobald, in

Ar. Past the mid season 281

Pro. At least two Glasses: the time 'twixt six & now
Must by vs both be spent most preciousl

Ar. Is there more toyle? Since y^e doft giue me pains,
Let me remember thee what thou hast promis'd, 285
Which is not yet perform'd me.

281, 282 *Past. Glasses*] One line (given to Ariel) Upton, Grey, Theob conj Warb

1729, proposed it in a private letter to Warburton, who adopted it in his edition with out a word of acknowledgement to him whom he was calling his 'dearest friend' in private, and whom he treated afterwards in public with supercilious cruelty]—HOLT (p 27) In the hurry of his mind, Prospero might have forgot the general, and yet, as soon as that was recalled to his memory, very naturally recollected the particular time, even to minuteness —CAPELL (59 a) Imagine the head of Prospero rais'd after this question, and the sun look'd at, and reason admits well enough of his being his own answerer, which he is in marine language —JOHNSON This passage need not be disturbed, it being common to ask a question, which the next moment enables us to answer, he that thinks it faulty, may easily adjust it thus '*Pros* What is the time o' the day? Past the mid season? *Ariel* At least two glasses —HALLIWELL Prospero says 'at least two glasses' to impress upon Ariel how brief was the period of the day that remained, and the consequent necessity of rapidity and vigorous action —STAUNTON ingeniously, but 'very erroneously,' thinks Dyce, obviated any re-distribution of speeches by punctuating Prospero's reply as follows 'At least two glasses—the time, 'twixt six and now—Must by us both be spent,' &c —W A WRIGHT This arrangement of Staunton would make it four in the afternoon, which hardly answers to Ariel's 'Past the mid-season' [Wright's criticism of Staunton's arrangement is well founded, by that arrangement the 'Duration of the Action' is restricted not only to the two hours between four and six, but had Shakespeare here used 'glass' correctly in its technical sense, which, woe worth the day, he did not, the duration of the play would be confined to one single hour There can be little doubt that Shakespeare here, and even elsewhere in other plays, uses 'glass' as equivalent to *one hour*, instead of using it in its nautical sense of a *half hour* That 'glass' was a half hour glass in Shakespeare's own day we may learn from the following citation from Hakluyt's *Voyages*, 1, 436 (given in *The Century Dict* s v 'Glass') 'If you should omit to note those things at the end of every foure glasses, note it diligently at the end of every watch, or eight glasses' See also Smyth's *Sailor's Word Book*, s v. 'Glass' See Nicholson's note, V, 1, 266 Daniel in his good 'time-analysis' of *The Tempest* comes to the same conclusion as to the meaning of 'glass' in the present passage 'Alonso's "three hours" [V, 1, 219], says DANIEL, 'followed shortly afterwards by the Boatswain's "three glasses," must decide this measure of time for *The Tempest* to be a *one-hour glass*' Dr Johnson's explanation, without his 'adjustment' of the text, is to me all-sufficient.—ED]

284. pains] W A WRIGHT Labours, tasks We use the word in this sense in the phrase 'take pains', but 'give pains', in the sense of *impose tasks*, is obsolete See *Meas for Meas* V, 1, 246

286 me] For other examples of Ethical Datives, see ABBOTT, § 220, also see lines 301, 583 of this scene.

Pro How now? moodie? 287
 What is't thou canst demand?
A1. My Libertie
Pro Before the time be out? no more 290
Ar. I prothee,
 Remember I haue done thee worthy seruice,
 Told thee no lyes, made thee no mistakings, serv'd
 Without or grudge, or grumbings; thou did promise
 To bate me a full yeere 295
Pro. Do'ft thou forget

287 *now? moodie?*] *now, moody?* 293 *made thee*] *made* Rowe 11+,
 Dyce Steev Sing Dyce 11, 111, Ktly, Jeph
 288 *What*] *Which* Ff Clke, Rlfe, Huds Hunter
 293 *made serv'd*] *made no mis-* 294 *grumbings*] *grumbling* Coll MS
takings, serv'd thee Cap conj *did*] *didst* F₃F₄

287, &c moodie?] DOUCE (1, 7) The spirits or familiars attending on magicians were always impatient of confinement Thus we are told that the spirit Balkin is 'wearied if the action wherein he is employed continue longer than an hour, and therefore the magician must be careful to dismiss him'—Scot's *Discovery of Witchcraft*, 1665, p 228—WILSON (p 81) According to the ideas of an age which still believed in magic, Prospero has usurped the lordship of nature, and subdued to his will the spirits of the elements, by presumptuous, if not altogether sinful, arts They are retained in subjection by the constant exercise of this supernatural power, and yield him only the reluctant obedience of slaves This has to be borne in remembrance if we would not misinterpret the ebullitions of imperious harshness on the part of Prospero towards beings who can only be retained in subjection by such enforced mastery [See Appendix, 'Ariel']

290 no more] KNIGHT We understand this—say no more

293 *made thee*] RITSON proposed to omit this second 'thee,' the repetition of a word being a common error, wherein STAUNTON agrees with him—ABBOTT, § 460 It is more probable that this second 'thee,' not 'mis-,' is slurred—ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) By the assimilation of *d* and *th* and the sequence of the liquid *n* to the mute *th* in 'made thee no,' the three words form a very natural and pleasing anapaest,—nay, 'made thee' could readily be pronounced as one syllable, and so form the *thesis* of an iambus.

296, &c] JOHNSON That the character and conduct of Prospero may be understood, something must be known of the system of enchantment which supplied all the marvellous found in the romances of the Middle Ages This system seems to be founded on the opinion that the fallen spirits, having different degrees of guilt, had different habitations allotted to them at their expulsion, some being confined in hell, 'some (as Hooker, who delivers the opinion of our poet's age, expresses it) dispersed in air, some on earth, some in water, others in caves, dens, or minerals under the earth' Of these, some were more malignant and mischievous than others The earthy spirits seem to have been thought the most depraved, and the aerial the less vitiated Thus Prospero addresses Ariel 'Thou wast a spirit too delicate To act her earthy and abhorred commands' Over these spirits a power might be obtained by

From what a torment I did free thee? *Ar.* No. 297
Pro. Thou do'st & think'st it much to tread y' Ooze
 Of the falt deepe,
 To run vpon the sharpe winde of the North, 300
 To doe me businesse in the veines o'th' earth
 When it is bak'd with frost
Ar. I doe not Sir.
Pro. Thou lieft, malignant Thing: hast thou forgot
 The fowle Witch *Sycorax*, who with Age and Enuy 305

298, 299 Two lines, ending *think'st*, ending *sharp, in, frost, thing* *Sycorax*
deep Steev *hoop ? born ? Ktly*
 298 *think'st* *think'st* Ff, Rowe 298, 299 *Ooze deepe* One line,
 299-308 *Of born ?* Seven lines, Rowe 1

certain rites performed or charms learned The power was called the Black Art or Knowledge of Enchantment The enchanter being (as King James observes in his *Demonology*) 'one who commands the devil, whereas the witch serves him' Those who thought best of this art, the existence of which was, I am afraid, believed very seriously, held that certain sounds and characters had a physical power over spirits, and compelled their agency; others, who condemned the practice, which in reality was surely never practised, were of opinion, with more reason, that the power of charms arose *only* from compact, and was no more than the spirits voluntarily allowed them for the seduction of man The art was held by all, though not equally criminal, yet unlawful, and, therefore, Casaubon, speaking of one who had commerce with spirits, blames him, though he imagines him one of the best kind, who dealt with them by way of command Thus Prospero repents of his art in the last scene The spirits were always considered as in some measure enslaved to the enchanter, at least for a time, and as serving with unwillingness, therefore Ariel so often begs for liberty, and Caliban observes that the spirits serve Prospero with no good will, but hate him rootedly—Of these trifles enough

298 *Ooze*] The bottom, not the margin of the sea See III, iii, 125
 300 *run*] UPTON (p 222) I would rather read *ride*, which is the Scripture expression, see *Job* xxx, 22, *Isaiah* xix, 1; *Psalms* lxxviii, 4
 301 *me*] Ethical Dative
 304 *malignant Thing*] PHILA SH SOC Without Ariel's assistance at this crisis Prospero will be unable to take advantage of his 'auspicious star,' and hence his excitement at the signs of the former's disaffection
 305 *Sycorax*] DOUCE (i, 8), in a note on Caliban's first speech, 'As wicked dew, &c, surmises that the following passage, from Batman *uppon Bartholome*, not only illustrates that speech, but that Shakespeare 'was indebted to it, with a slight alteration, for the name of Caliban's mother' "The raven is called *corvus* of *Corax* . . . it is said that *rauens* birds be fed with dew of heauen all the time that they have no blacke feathers by benefite of age"—Lib xii, c 10'—LLOYD (Singer, ed ii, p 103) *Sycorax* Shakespeare probably found in some novel, to us unknown Her name, I suppose it has been remarked before, is Greek *Psychorrhagia* is the death struggle, and *Psychorrhax* may be translated 'heartbreaker' (*ψυχόρρηξ*)—CLEMENT, whose remarkable essay places *The Tempest* among the Historical Plays, finds in this

Was growne into a hoope? haft thou forgot her? 306

Ar. No Sir

Pro. Thou haft. where was she born? speak tell me

Ar. Sir, in *Argier*

Pro. Oh, was she so: I must 310

Once in a moneth recount what thou haft bin,

Which thou forgetft. This damn'd Witch *Sycorax*

For mischiefes manifold, and forceries terrible 313

306 *growne*] *gowne* F.

308 *me,*] *me,* say Han

311 *moneth*] *month* F.

313 *and forceries terrible*] *and sorceries too terrible* Rowe 1 *sorceries too terrible* Han

play throughout, allusions to contemporary events and to the personages of the day. From his 'inner consciousness' he has evolved not only a remarkable derivation of the witch's name, but even a more remarkable allusion thereunder hidden. 'This Sycorax,' he says (p. 81), 'has a satirical name, which the readers of *The Tempest* scarcely notice. Why is the name Greek? For Greek it is, *sukon* means a fig, *rax*, a poisonous spider. I dislike philological trifling, otherwise there might from the name be easily derived *sic o rex*.' [The exclamation point is Dr. Clement's, not mine.—ED], but I take the name just as it stands. The exalted personage, whom the poet desired here to indicate, could have been brought upon the stage, even after her death, such was the danger, only under some similar unintelligible designation. The hateful hag is, I believe, Queen Elizabeth, who could be as sweet as a fig, and could weave webs as poisonous as the bunch-backed spider [*dickbauchige* is the diametrical opposite of 'bunch-backed,' I know, but I cannot find it in my heart to apply it, even in a translation, to the good Queen Bess.—ED] —HALES (*Cornhill Mag.* Feb. '76, p. 213, also *Essays*, p. 113). Sycorax is, we believe, of Shakespeare's own formation. And we think the conjecture that it is compounded of the Greek *σῦς* (*ῦς* is a variant) and *κόραξ*, and is therefore a contraction of Syokorax, can scarcely be despised. As both sows and ravens are associated with witchcraft and such superstitions, the compound might serve not ill to denominate that 'foul witch,' 'damned witch,' of whose 'earthy and abhorred commands' Prospero speaks with such genuine loathing. The mere grossness of the one animal and the supposed malignity of the other may be referred to, and so the name Sycorax be designed to express a horrid mixture of those two characteristics,—something bestial and fiendish withal.—PHILLPOTTS. Mr. Moberly suggests that Sycorax, as an Algerine witch, would have an Arabic name, possibly 'Shokereth' (the deceiver), which would be equivalent to Sycorax.—THEODOR ELZE (*Jahrbuch*, xv, p. 253) finds on the island of Pantalania which he suggests as the original of Prospero's isle, a small town called from remote antiquity *Senaxghihir*, wherein, he says, there may be at least a sound reminding us of Sycorax.

309 *Argier*] COLLIER. The name for Algiers till about the Restoration

313. ANON. (ap. Grey i, 11). This verse may be relieved several ways, either by striking out 'sorceries,' or putting it in the place of 'mischiefs'; or by reading *many* for 'manifold', or what, I think, is more like Shakespeare, by leaving out 'and'—AR-OTT, § 494, holds it to be only an apparent Alexandrine, and presumably sup-

To enter humane hearing, from *Argur*

Thou know'it was banish'd for one thing she did

315

314 *hearing*] *earing* Cap conj

315 *she did*] *she had* Crosby, Huds

poses it to be made presentable by 'slurring' the final foot, 'turnble,' whereby it would seem that the pronunciation can be best represented by the Southern Negro pronunciation, *turn ble*

315 *one thing she did*] BOSWELL What that one thing was which saved the life of Sycorax the poet has nowhere informed us I cannot but think that this adds support to the opinion that there was some novel upon which the fable of *The Tempest* was founded, in which this circumstance was mentioned, to which Shakespeare thought it sufficient to refer—LAMB (*Works*, iii, 260, ed. Moxon, 1870) How have I pondered over this, when a boy! How have I longed for some authentic memoir of the witch to clear up the obscurity!—Was the story extant in the *Chronicles of Algiers*? Could I get at it by some fortunate introduction to the Algerine ambassador? Was a voyage thither practicable? The Spectator (I know) went to Grand Cairo only to measure a pyramid Was not the object of my quest of at least as much importance? The blue eyed hag,—could *she* have done anything good or meritorious? might that Succubus relent? then might there be hope for the devil I have often admired, since, that none of the commentators have boggled at this passage,—how they could swallow this camel,—such a tantalising piece of obscurity, such an abortion of an anecdote—At length, I think, I have lighted upon a clue which may lead to show what was passing in the mind of Shakespeare when he dropped this imperfect rumour In the 'accurate description of Africa, by John Ogilby (Folio, 1670,' page 230, I find written as follows [The entire extract is too long for insertion here It describes the preparations which Charles V made in 1541 to besiege Algier, and narrates his success by land and sea The Turks made a vigorous resistance, but were reduced to so great an extremity that they lost courage and resolved to surrender to the emperor The account then proceeds] 'But as they were thus intending, there was a witch of the town, whom the history doth not name, which went to seek out Assam Aga, that commanded within, and pray'd him to make it good yet nine days longer, with assurance that within that time he should infallibly see Algier delivered from that siege, and the whole army of the enemy dispersed, so that Christians should be as cheap as birds In a word, the thing did happen in the manner as foretold, for upon the twenty-first day of October in the same year, there fell a continual rain upon the land, and so furious a storm at sea, that one might have seen ships hoisted into the clouds, and in one instant again precipitated into the bottom of the water [The emperor suffered so heavily that he raised the siege and retreated to Sicily] In the mean time that witch, being acknowledged the deliverer of Algier, was richly remunerated and the credit of her charms authorised' Can it be doubted for a moment that the dramatist had come fresh from reading some *older narrative* of this deliverance of Algier by a witch, and transferred the merit of the deed to his Sycorax, exchanging only the 'rich remuneration,' which did not suit his purpose, to the simple pardon of her life? [This *Note* appeared first in *The London Magazine* for 1823, it has been quite misunderstood, apparently, or forgotten, by a writer in *Notes & Queries* 2d S ii, 284 Weighing one consideration with another, I think this note of Lamb yields quite as good an explanation as that of Boswell, and a far better explanation than that which is commonly extracted from line 317 I con

They wold not take her life Is not this true? *Ar. I, Sir.* 316

Pro This blew ey'd hag, was hither brought with
And here was left by th'Saylors; thou my slaue, (child, 318

316 *not this]* *this not* Rowe II, Pope, 317 *blew ey'd]* *blue dry'd* Sprenger
Han

fess there is for me not a little force in what a Quarterly Reviewer urges in regard to this last theory, which accounts for the mercy shown to Sycorax by supposing that Caliban was unborn, the Reviewer (vol. LV, p. 473) says 'We feel assured that no such thought ever entered the mind of Shakespeare. He knew not what that "one thing" was, nor did he ever give his imagination the trouble of ascertaining it. He wanted it for the purpose of his play, as an excuse for saving a wretch, who, according to the laws and the opinions of his age, was guilty of death, and he left it a *deea without a name*, not to be known by any for ever but Hell, and Night, and Setebos.' Eckermann relates that on one occasion Goethe said to him, 'People write to ask me what I meant by such and such a thing in *Faust*. As if I knew, or could tell.' I have but little doubt, in regard to many and many a passage in these plays, that what was true of Goethe, is true of Shakespeare. A writer in *Fraser*, however, scouts this idea of the Quarterly Reviewer. Sycorax 'could not have been pardoned,' he says (*Fraser's Magazine*, June, 1840, p. 742), 'because she had done what was fit only to be known in hell. It must have been some circumstance exciting compassion, not horror.' He therefore proposes to read 'for one thing she hid,' or 'perhaps Shakespeare wrote more graphically,—"for *yon* thing she hid," pointing in the direction of Caliban.'—ED.]—KRAUTH (*Phila. Sh. Soc.* p. 16) The Incubus and Succuba are not poetic creations, but part of the faith of the Middle Ages,—heartily held by the wisest and best men, and confirmed by supposed eye-witnesses. See Hector Boethius, who has almost a Caliban (Paris edit. 1574, p. 149), and Zwingeri, *Thesaurus Vitæ Humanæ* 2300, who gives a great many legends. The idea of the 'demon lover' has been thought to be scriptural *Gen. v, 2, Jude vi, 7*. The Rabbins, and the *Koran*, the Christian fathers, and the Pagan classics, have the same idea. The Mediæval legends are full of it. The use of it in modern poetry by Byron, Moore, and Coleridge is familiar.

317 *blew ey'd]* STAUNTON It must be confessed that *blear ey'd*, a common epithet in our old plays, seems more applicable to the 'damnd witch Sycorax.' Thus in B and F1's *The Chances*, IV, II, 'Get me a conjurer, Inquire me out a man that lets out devils. any blear-ey'd people With red heads, and flat noses can perform it.'—W. A. WRIGHT 'Blue ey'd' does not describe the colour of the pupil of the eye, but the livid colour of the eyelid, and a blue eye in this sense was a sign of pregnancy. See Webster, *Duchess of Malfy*, II, 1, 'The fins of her eyelids look most teeming blue.' In *As You Like It*, III, II, 'a blue eye and sunken' is characteristic of a lover.—COWDEN-CLARKE The dull, bleared, neutral colour seen in the eyes of old crones.—PHILLPOTTS Probably this means that her eyes had the cold, startling blue which suggests malignity so strongly.—GRANT WHITE (*Studies*, 324) I wish to record my conviction that Shakespeare had in mind that pale blue, fish-like, malignant eye, which is often seen in hag-like women.—LITTLEDALE (*N & Qu* 5th S v, 345) In B & F1 *Honest Man's Fortune*, V, III, speaking of various quack devices, this cure for a *black eye*,—as raw beefsteak is now-a-days considered of excellent virtue,—is given 'Or bring in rotten pippins To cure *blue eyes*'—A

As thou reportst thy selfe, was then her seruant,
 And for thou wast a Spirit too delicate 320
 To act her earthy, and abhord commands,
 Refusing her grand hefts, she did confine thee
 By helpe of her more potent Ministers,
 And in her most vnmittigable rage,
 Into a clouen Pyne, within which rift 325
 Imprison'd, thou didst painfully remaine
 A dozen yeeres . within which space she di'd,
 And left thee there where thou didst vent thy groanes
 As fast as Mill-wheeles strike : Then was this Island 329

319 was] Ff, Rowe 11 wast Rowe 321 earthy] earthly Rowe 11, Pope,
 1 Han
 320 And for] And, for F₃F₄ 327 within] in Cap conj

SYMONS (*Irving Sh*) Euripides uses the word *κρῆνυς*,—literally *dark-blue gleaming*,—which Browning renders 'blue brilliance' in his *Balaustion's Adventure*, p 46 And on the next page Browning speaks of 'the *blue-eyed* black-winged phantom' Here, of course, the reference is to the lurid blue-black colour of thunder-clouds, and it is possible Shakespeare may have meant this in describing his witch as 'blue-eyed' [Is it not possible to accept the blueness as referring not only to the dark eyelids and circles round the eyes, but also to the pupil itself, where the *arcus senilis*, as the ophthalmologists call it, is wont to give the baleful expression which we associate with witches? Instances are as plenty as blackberries where what we now call blue eyes were by Shakespeare called grey eyes There are two in *Rom & Jul*, where the Friar speaks of 'The grey-ey'd morn,' and Mercutio of 'Thisbe, a grey eye or so,' Since, then, our 'blue eyes' and Shakespeare's 'blue eyes' are not the same, I think we are at liberty to include, in the present phrase, whatsoever tends to add abhorrence to the repulsive witch —ED]

319, 320 was] WALKER (*Crit* 11, 126) has collected forty-five or fifty examples from Shakespeare and his contemporaries of the substitution of *s* for *st* in the second person singular of the verb In some cases, doubtless, this substitution can be ascribed to the much-enduring compositor, but after making all due allowance for his errors there remain, unquestionably, instances due wholly to the poets themselves, e g in Shakespeare's *Sonnet* xix . 'Make glad and sorry seasons, as thou *fleets* . To the wide world and all her fading *sweets*,' the rhyme is conclusive that Shakespeare wrote 'fleets' instead of *fleet'st* In this, and in the majority of the cases, it is noteworthy that the verb ends in *t*, clearly, then, it is the cacophonous sound *ts* which was avoided, and intentionally avoided As it happens in this present case, the 'was' being followed by 'then,' the ear detects the *t* and is satisfied, no matter whether it belongs to the 'was' or to the 'then' —ED

321 earthy] W. A. WRIGHT Gross, material, opposed to spiritual Prospero calls Caliban 'Thou earth, thou'

322-325 confine thee . . Into] ABBOTT, § 159 'Into' is sometimes found with verbs of rest, implying motion, as here See also 'confin'd into the Rocke,' line 423, *post*

(Saue for the Son, that he did littour heere,
A frekelld whelpe, hag-borne) not honour'd with
A humane shape

Ar Yes *Caliban* her fonne

Pro. Dull thing, I fay fo he, that *Caliban*
Whom now I keepe in feruice, thou best know'ft
What torment I did finde thee in; thy grones
Did make wolues howle, and penetrate the breasts
Of euer-angry Beares, it was a torment
To lay vpon the damn'd, which *Sycorax*
Could not againe vndoe. it was mine Art,
When I arriu'd, and heard thee, that made gape
The Pyne, and let thee out.

Ar. I thanke thee Mafter.

Pro. If thou more murmur'ft, I will rend an Oake
And peg-thee in his knotty entrailes, till
Thou haft howl'd away twelue winters.

Ar Pardon, Mafter,
I will be correspondent to command
And doe my spyting, gently.

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| 330 <i>Son</i>] <i>Sonne</i> F ₂ <i>Sun</i> F ₃ F ₄ . | 338 <i>torment</i>] <i>torture</i> Walker (<i>Crit</i> |
| <i>he</i>] Ff <i>she</i> Rowe | 1, 296) |
| <i>littour</i>] <i>litter</i> Rowe | 345 <i>peg-thee</i>] F ₂ |
| 335 <i>seruice</i> , <i>thou</i>] <i>service</i> <i>Thou</i> | 346 <i>Thou hast</i>] <i>Thou'st</i> Pope+, Dyce |
| Rowe | 11, 111, Huds |
| 338 <i>euer-angry</i>] <i>even angry</i> Wilson | 349 <i>spyting</i>] <i>spyrting</i> Cap |

333 KRAUTH (*Phila Sh Soc* p 17) for this speech suggested two solutions 1st Ariel is absent-minded, his thoughts still running on his promised liberty, but, recalled to himself by Prospero's pause, he catches, as is natural in such cases, at the last phrase still sounding in his ears, and assents thereto as in vain proof of his attention to the rest. Prospero of course detects it and calls him 'dull' 2dly That Ariel's rebellious spirit is not yet subdued, and, growing impatient of Prospero's prosy repetition of well known facts, tries to stop him by interruption and hearty assent — JEPHSON Ariel contradicts Prospero, he says that the island *was* honoured with a human shape, namely Caliban, forgetting that Prospero had just excepted him, and Prospero, being irritated with Ariel, replies, '*Dull thing, I say so*', that is, 'I say that Caliban *was* on the island'

338 *euer-angry*] Is this an echo from Paris Garden, which was close to the Globe Theatre?—ED

348 *correspondent*] PHILA SH SOC Used to this day in a religious sense by Catholic writers in reference to grace

349 *gently*] As opposed to 'moodie' and 'malignant'

349 *spyting*] WALKER (*Crit* 1, 193) It may safely be laid down as a canon

Pro. Doe fo and after two daies 350
I will discharge thee

Ar That's my noble Maſter :
What ſhall I doe ? ſay what ? what ſhall I doe ?

Pro Goe make thy ſelfe like a Nymph o'th' Sea,
Be ſubieſt to no ſight but thine, and mine inuiſible 355
To euery eye-ball elſe goe take this ſhape
And hither come in't. goe. hence
With diligence. *Exit*

Pro Awake, deere hart awake, thou haſt ſlept well,
Awake. 360

Mir The ſtrangeness of your ſtory, put

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| 350 <i>daies</i>] <i>days</i> , <i>Ariel</i> Anon (ap | Lit) |
| Grey) | 355 <i>thine, and</i>] Om <i>Rowe</i> 11 +, Cap |
| 350, 351 <i>two thee</i>] One line, Cap | Steev Dyce 11, 111, Huds 1xn |
| conj | 357 <i>m't</i>] in it Pope, Theob Han |
| 354 <i>like a</i>] <i>like to a</i> Ff, Rowe +, | Johns Cap |
| Cap Steev Dyce 11, 111, Huds Dtn | <i>goe</i>] Om Han Dyce 11, 111, Huds |
| 355-358 Four lines, ending <i>mine</i> , | 357, 358 One line, Pope et seq |
| <i>else, hence, diligence</i> Elze (Rob Epit | 358 <i>Exit</i>] <i>Exit</i> F ₄ |

that the word *spirit*, in our old poets, wherever the metre does not compel us to pronounce it dissyllabically, is a monosyllable

350 There is no known process whereby this line can be made to fadge with iambic trimeters. It is scarcely worth while to record the failures, any one can make one for himself—ED

354 Nymph o'th' Sea] 'There does not appear to be sufficient cause,' says STEEVENS, 'why Ariel should assume this new shape, as he was to be invisible to all eyes but those of Prospero.' 'Nor that the Clown in *Twelfth Night*,' retorts THOMAS WHITE, 'should put on a gown and beard to personate Sir Topaz, the priest, as Malvolio was confined in a dark room. We may say of Shakespeare what Fabius says of Cicero "In vitium sæpe incidit securus tam parvæ observationis." Shakespeare has closely followed King James's *Demonologia* [wherein, in Bk 111, chap 3, speaking of the passage through the air of witches, it says], "in this transporting, they say themselves, that they are invisible to any other except amongst themselves." It is doubtful if this apt illustration is at all weakened by the late date of the *Demonologia*, viz 1616, the year of Shakespeare's death. Such a belief was current, not because King James wrote it in his book, but he wrote it in his book because it was current, and if current, Shakespeare assuredly knew it. The PHILA SH Soc suggests that 'thus in character Ariel can best sing a sea nymph's song', which is doubtful, any limitation of Ariel's powers is rash. If we must have a reason over and above the popular belief, I think W. A. WRIGHT's suggestion the happiest, that in a sea-nymph's form Ariel would be in harmony with the scene to the audience.—ED

355 STEEVENS. The redundancy in this line, and the ridiculous precaution that Ariel should not be *invisible to himself*, plainly prove that the words 'and thine' were the interpolations of ignorance—DYCE pronounces the Folio text 'most ridiculous'.

Heaunneffe in me

362

Pro Shake it off. Come on,

Wee'll visit *Caliban*, my flauie, who neuer

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362 [Waking Coll 11 (MS)

Cam 1 conj *Heart-heaviness* Bulloch

Heaunneffe] *Strange heaviness*

A heaviness Anon (ap Cam)

361, 362 JOHNSON Why should a wonderful story produce sleep? I believe experience will prove that any violent agitation of the mind easily subsides in slumber, especially when, as in Prospero's relation, the last images are pleasing—VOSS (p 156) That wondrous tales are more apt to dispel sleep than to invite it, the innocent girl knew just as little, as when afterwards she showed that she did not know that one can weep for joy—MRS KEMBLE (p 117) Within reach of the wild wind and spray of the tempest, though sheltered from their fury, Miranda had watched the sinking ship struggling with the mad elements, and heard when 'rose from sea to sky the wild fare well' Amazement and pity had thrown her into a paroxysm of grief, which is hardly allayed by her father's assurance that 'there's no harm done' After this terrible excitement follows the solemn exordium to her father's story 'The hour's now come, The very minute bids thee ope thine ear, Obey and be attentive' The effort she calls upon her memory to make to recover the traces of her earliest impressions of life,—the strangeness of the events unfolded to her,—the duration of the recital itself, which is considerable,—and, above all, the poignant personal interest of its details, are quite sufficient to account for the sudden utter prostration of her overstrained faculties and feelings, and the profound sleep that falls on the young girl Perhaps Shakespeare knew this, though his commentators, old and new, seem not to have done so, and without a professed faith, such as some of us moderns indulge in, in the mysteries of magnetism, perhaps he believed enough in the magnetic force of the superior physical as well as mental power of Prospero's nature over the nervous, sensitive, irritable female organisation of his child to account for the 'I know thou canst not choose' with which he concludes his observation on her drowsiness, and his desire that she will not resist it The magic gown may, indeed, have been powerful, but hardly more so, I think, than the nervous exhaustion, which, combined with the authoritative will and eyes of her lord and father, bowed down the child's drooping eyelids in profoundest sleep

364 visit] WALKER (*Crit* III, 2) That is, look after him *Two Noble Kinsmen*, I, 1, 'the visiting Sun,' the *inspecting*, the *surveying*

364 Caliban] HUNTER (I, 183) There is a good deal that is Hebraistic in this play, as might be expected where there is so much of the Chaldee philosophy The most remarkable circumstance under this head is that Caliban, who is generally represented as a creation purely and entirely of Shakespeare's own invention, is, as to his very peculiar *form*, of Oriental origin He is, in fact, as to *form*, no other than 'the fish-idol of Ashdod, the Dagon of the Philistines, a word of which the principal element is the Hebrew word for fish It is a great question in Rabbinical literature in what manner the two elements of fish and man were combined in the figure of Dagon. . . Abarbinel contends that the true form of Dagon was a figure 'shaped like a fish, only with hands and feet like a man', and this is precisely the form of Shakespeare's Caliban,—'a fish, legged like a man, and his fins like arms' Nothing can be more precise than the resemblance, the two are, in fact, one, as far as form is concerned Caliban is thus a kind of tortoise, the paddles expanding in arms and

Yeelds vs kinde anfwere

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Mir 'Tis a villaine Sir, I doe not loue to looke on.

Po But as 'tis

We cannot misse him he do's make our fire,

Fetch in our wood, and ferues in Offices

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366 *I on*] Separate line, Pope et seq

369 *ferues in*] *ferues* Ff, Rowe *serveth* Coll MS

hands, legs and feet, and, accordingly, before he appears upon the stage, the audience are prepared for this strange appearance by the words of Prospero 'Come forth thou tortoise' With the form Shakespeare really gave him, everything which he says or does is consistent, yet it was a difficult figure to manage on the stage, and so the actors appear to have found it, for the fish character of Caliban is sunk, and when he now appears it is as a species of monkey. Indeed, this difficulty must have been felt from the beginning, and Shakespeare could hardly have introduced a figure so unmanageable upon the stage as a compound of fish and man, but under constraint, that is, the figure of Caliban was prescribed for him by the writer of the story on which he wrought, borrowed by him from the figure of Dagon of Ashdod. The moral attributes, the action, and the talk of Caliban may, however, be well believed to be Shakespeare's own.—BR. NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 4th S 1, 291) Throughout Caliban is a beast of burden, and being morally such, he would be physically fitted for his office. From Trinculo's jest we learn that he was not a standard, but of dwarf's stature. His lower limbs were large, for the lesser legs were Trinculo's, and as he was of dwarf's stature, the difference must have been in a girth of limb resembling that of a turtle. The corresponding feet to such limbs would be large and 'splay'. The corresponding arms, short and strong, would be such as, with their claw-fingered hands, would resemble what sailors call the fore-fins of a turtle, and as such enable us to understand how he fed himself before Prospero's arrival, and why, with a consciousness of his greater powers, he offered with his long nails to dig pig-nuts, or climb for jays' nests, or clamber o'er precipitous cliffs for young sea birds. Similarly, if the hardly human face were fashioned like that of a tortoise, the eyes would be 'deep set' by nature as well as by drink, and he would be 'dim-eyed' and 'beetle-browed'. Lastly, the scabby spottings of the 'freckled whelp,' who calls Trinculo 'Thou, scurvy patch,' would be the loathsome leprosy that had spread itself over all the other deformities, and also the analogue of the spotted and patch-like scales of the tortoise, and the hard, rough, knotted, diseased-like look of its skin and wrinkled neck. [Nicholson referred to this subject again in *N & Qu* 4th S. III, 431, where he hints that Sir Politic Would-be's make-up as a turtle in *Volpone*, V, II, might have been one of the remembrances which led to the conception of Caliban.]

368 *misse*] M. MASON That is, we cannot do without him.—MALONE. This provincial expression is still used in the midland counties.—[HALLIWELL. I have not met with a confirmation of Malone's remark.—W. A. WRIGHT. It does not appear to be recorded in any local glossary.]—VOSS (p. 156) This word is here used in its genuine German meaning, *missen*, *entbehren*.—HALLIWELL. See B. & F. *Mad Lover*, II, 1. 'I will have honest, valiant souls about me, I cannot miss thee'.—W. A. WRIGHT. Compare Lyly's *Euphues and his England*, p. 264 (ed. Arber) 'Bringing unto man both honnye and wax, each so wholesome that wee all desire it, both so necessary that we cannot misse them.'

That profit vs What hoa flaue Caliban : 370

Thou Earth, thou speake

Cal. within. There's wood enough within.

Pro Come forth I say, there's other bufines for thee .

Come thou Tortoys, when? *Enter Ariel like a water-*
Fine apparition my queint Ariel, *Nymph.* 375

Hearke in thine eare

Ar My Lord, it shall be done. *Exit*

Pro Thou poyfounous flaue, got by ẏ diuell himselfe
Vpon thy wicked Dam ; come forth. *Enter Caliban* 379

373 *Come*] Om Anon (ap Grey)

375-377 As an aside Cap Sta

374 *Come*] *Come forth* Steev Ktly,
Huds

375 *apparition queint*] *apparition*
quant Ff

Come when ?] Om Pope, Han
when ?] *when ? I say, come forth*

379 *forth*] *forth, thou tortoise* Pope,
Han

Anon (ap Grey) *then* A——c (Gent
Mag 1820)

[Scene IV Pope

372 COLERIDGE (*Seven Lectures*, p 120) Another instance of admirable judgement and excellent preparation is to be found in the creature contrasted with Ariel,—Caliban, who is described in such a manner by Prospero as to lead us to expect the appearance of a foul, unnatural monster. He is not seen at once, his voice is heard, this is the preparation, he was too offensive to be seen at first in all his deformity, and in nature we do not receive so much disgust from sound as from sight. After we have heard Caliban's voice he does not enter until Ariel has entered like a water-nymph. All the strength of contrast is thus acquired without any of the shock of abruptness, or of that unpleasant sensation which we experience when the object presented is in any way hateful to our vision. [For Coleridge's analysis of Caliban's character, see Appendix.]

374 Tortoys] BR NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 4th S 1, 291). While there can be no doubt that this exclamation of Prospero is used in reference to Caliban's unwilling sloth, there is as little doubt that it was suggested by his make, and intended to prepare the spectators for the similitude that was about to appear.

374 when] MALONE This expression of impatience occurs often in our old dramas.

375 queint] W A WRIGHT Cotgrave's explanation of the French original of this word covers all the senses in which it is used by Shakespeare. He says, 'Cont Quant, compt, neat, fine, spruce, briske, smirke, smug, daintie, trim, tricked vp.'

379 Enter Caliban] ROWE (*Life of Shakespeare*, p xlii, ed 1709) Shakespeare's magic has something in it very solemn and very poetical. And that extravagant character of Caliban is mighty well sustain'd, shews a wonderful invention in the author, who could strike out such a particular wild image, and is certainly one of the finest and most uncommon Grotesques that was ever seen. The observation, which I have been inform'd *three* very great men concurr'd in making [*Ld Falkland, Ld C J Vaughan, and Mr Selden*—Foot-note] was extremely just. 'That Shakespear had not only found out a new character in his Caliban, but had also devis'd and adapted a new manner of language for that character. VVATKINSON What they [i. e. the

Cal As wicked dewe, as ere my mother bruth'd 380
 With Rauens feather from vnwholefome Fen
 Drop on you both A Southwest blow on yee, 382

380 *wicked*] *cursed* Cartwright

382 *Southwest*] *south west wind* Ktly

three men mentioned by Rowe] meant by it, without doubt, was that Shakespeare gave his language a certain grotesque air of the savage and antique, which it certainly has. But Dr Bentley took [the phrase] 'new language' literally, for speaking of a phrase in Milton, which he supposed altogether absurd and unmeaning, he says, 'Satan had not the privilege, as Caliban in Shakespeare, to use new phrase and diction unknown to all others', and again, 'to practise distances is still a Caliban style'—*Note on Paradise Lost*, iv, 945. But I know no such 'Caliban style' in Shakespeare, that hath new phrase and diction unknown to all others.—[JOHNSON] Whence these critics derived the notion of a new language appropriated to Caliban, I cannot find, they certainly mistook brutality of sentiment for uncouthness of words. Caliban had learned to speak of Prospero and his daughter, he had no names for the sun and moon before their arrival, and could not have invented a language of his own, without more understanding than Shakespeare has thought it proper to bestow upon him. His diction is indeed somewhat clouded by the gloominess of his temper and the malignity of his purposes, but let any other being entertain the same thoughts, and he will find them easily issue in the same expressions. [Dryden, however, said (see Appendix) that Caliban's 'language was as hobgoblin as his person'—ED.]—D WILSON (p. 90). The talk of the ship's-crew is not only coarse, but even what it is customary to call brutal, while that of Stephano and Trinculo accords with their debased and besotted humanity. Their language never assumes a rhythmical structure, nor rises to poetic thought. But Caliban is in perfect harmony with the rhythm of the breezes and the tides. His thoughts are essentially poetical, within the range of his lower nature, and so his speech is, for the most part, in verse. He has that poetry of the senses which seems natural to the companionship with the creatures of the forest and the seashore. Even his growl, as he retorts impotent curses upon the power that has enslaved him, is rhythmical. Bogs, fens, and the infectious exhalations that the sun sucks up, embody his ideas of evil, and his acute senses are chiefly at home with the dew, and the fresh springs, the clustering filberts, the jay in his leafy nest, and the blind mole in its burrow.

380. *wicked*] HEATH (p. 9). This epithet is intended, I think, to express the wickedness of the purposes for which it was gathered.—JOHNSON. That is, having baneful qualities. So Spenser says, *wicked weed*, so, in opposition, we say herbs or medicines have *virtues*. Bacon mentions 'virtuous bezoar' and Dryden 'virtuous herbs'—STEEVENS. Under Henry VI the Parliament petitioned against hops, as a *wicked weed*—DYCE. Though 'wicked,' as an epithet to 'dew,' makes very good sense (meaning *baneful*), I suspect that it is not Shakespeare's word, and that it has been repeated by mistake from the line above. [Is it not precisely because it is in Prospero's speech, and applied to his mother, that Caliban's retort repeats it, and in the same connection?—ED.]

382 A Southwest] DOUCE (i, 9). In Batman *uppon Bartholome*, lib. xi, c. 3, we find 'This Southern wind is hot and moyst. Southern winds corrupt and destroy they heat and maketh men fall into sicknesse.' Shakespeare was extremely well acquainted with this work.—LETTSON (in a note on a remark of Walker

And blifter you all ore.

383

Pro For this be fure, to night thou shalt haue cramps,
Side-fitches, that shall pen thy breath vp, Vrchins

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(*Crit* III, 81), that Shakespeare mostly speaks disparagingly of the south wind as *rotten, foggy*, adds) This no doubt is true, and it may lead us to infer that the greatest of poets was a person of a somewhat relaxed habit of body, and required a bracing air to be in the full enjoyment of health—W A WRIGHT, in proof of the noxious character attributed to southerly winds, refers to *Cor* II, III, 34, 35, *Jb* I, IV 30, *As You Like It*, III, V, 50, *Tro & Cress* V, I, 21, and *Cymb* II, III, 136

382, 383 you . . yee . you] ABBOTT, § 236 *Ye* is nominative, *you* accusative This distinction, however, though observed in our version of the Bible, was disregarded by Elizabethan authors, and *ye* seems to be generally used in questions, entreaties, and rhetorical appeals *Ye* and *your* seem used indiscriminately in [V, I, 40–43, &c] Sometimes *ye* seems put for *you* when an unaccented syllable is wanted

385 Vrchins] STEEVENS That is, hedge-hogs Perhaps here put for fairies. Milton in his *Masque* speaks of 'urchin blasts,' and we still call any little dwarfish child an urchin The word occurs in the next Act—MALONE In *Merry Wives* IV, IV, 49 'Like urchins, ouphes, and fairies' [I am inclined] to think that 'urchins' here signifies beings of the fairy kind—DOUCE (I, 9) Although 'urchins' sometimes mean hedge-hogs, it is more probable that in this place they denote fairies or spirits In a very rare old collection of songs, set to music by John Bennett Edward Piers or Pierce, and Thomas Ravenscroft, composers in the time of Shakespeare, [there is *The Urchins' Dance*, as follows] 'By the moone we sport and play, With the night begins our day, As we friske the dew doth fall, Trip it little urchins all, Lightly as the little bee, Two by two, and three by three, And about goe wee, goe wee' [The context of itself almost suffices to show that Vrchins could not here mean hedge-hogs, the exercise which the latter can work is passive, the harm they can do is to 'lye tumbling in the bare-foote way, and mount their pricks at the foot-fall,' but here more active malice is needed, they must work all kinds of torment It is not difficult to see how the uncanny, nocturnal habits of this animal came to be attributed to the obsession of fairies, and thence the name itself attributed to a class of malicious spirits Steevens referred to Reginald Scot as an authority for the word The passage itself is given in Thom's *Three Notelets*, p 80, the sentence containing the name is worth reproducing here for its remarkable catalogue 'In our childhood our mothers maids have so terrified us with an oughe diuill having hornes on his head, fier in his mouth, eies like a bason, fanges like a dog, clawes like a beaie, a skin like a Niger, and a voice roring like a lion, whereby we start and are afraid when we hear one crie Bough, and they have so fraied us with bull beggers, spirits, witches, urchens, elves, hags, fairies, satyrs, pans, faunes, sylens, kit with the canstucke, tritons, centaurs, dwarfes, giants, imps, calcars, conjurers, nymphes, changlings, *Incurbus*, Robin good-fellowe, the spoorne, the mare, the man in the oke, the hell waime, the fierdrake, the prickle, Tom thombe, hob goblin, Tom tumbler, boneles, and such other bugs, that we are afraid of our owne shadowes in so much as some never feare the diuill, but in a darke night; and then a polled sheep is a perillous beast, and manie times is taken for our father's soule, speciallie in a churchyard.'—Seventh Book, chap 15, p 122, ed Nicholson—W A WRIGHT refers to Harsnet's *Declaration of Popish Impostures*, 1603, p 14, where 'urchins' is used for 'hobgoblins'; and another reference to the same book, p 135, is given in the *New Sh. Soc. Trans.*

Shall for that vast of night, that they may worke

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386 *Shall vast of night worke*] Ff
Shall waste of night, work Rowe 1
Shall, vast of night work, Rowe 11 et
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386 *for that vast*] *for that, fast* Anon
 (ap Sta) *for that want* T Warton (ap
 Ingleby)

1880-5, Pt 11, p 19*, where much of the list, just given from Scot's *Discovery*, is referred to and repeated W A WRIGHT adds that the word is still used in the north of England, and refers to Carr and Brockett On the other hand, JEPHSON says that urchins are hedge-hogs, adding 'Prospero threatens Caliban that hedge hogs shall run over him and prick him with their spines during the vast time of night during which they go abroad'—ED]

386 *for that vast*] CAPELL (60a) The sense of 'vast' approaches to *waste*, and we apprehend by it an idea of 'night' as a waste part of time—SIEVELLS This means the night, which is naturally empty and deserted, without action, or when all things lying in sleep and silence, make the world appear one great uninhabited waste So in *Ham* I, 11, 198 'In the dead waste [*vast*, Q₁] and middle of the night' It may, however, be used differently in *Pericles*, III, 1, 1 'Thou god of this great vast' It should be remembered that in the pneumatology of former ages these particulars were settled with the most minute exactness, and the different kinds of visionary beings had different allotments of time, suitable to the variety or consequence of their employments During these spaces they were at liberty to act, but were always obliged to leave off at a certain hour, that they might not interfere in that portion of night which belonged to others To this limitation of time Shakespeare alludes in *Lear*, III, 11, 120 'he begins at curfew and walks till the first cock'—THOMAS WHITE The passage is drawn with inaccuracy and indistinction 'Urchins' shall what? *That they may work* I suspect 'for that' should be *forth at*, and 'exercise' a substantive *Forth for go forth*, according to the old elliptical mode of writing, is common *Urchins* in the dead waste and middle of the night *shall*, 'at my strong bidding,' go *forth and work all exercise on thee* [The foregoing note was written in 1793, and ought therefore to be placed chronologically before Steevens's, but it did not appear in print till 1853, in Fennell's *Repository*] —W A WRIGHT That is, shall, during that desolate period of night when they are permitted to work, all practise upon thee The First Folio's punctuation has given occasion to a very plausible conjecture, which, however, can only be regarded as ingenious, though it has been graced with the epithet 'palmarian' [in the *Church and State Rev* 1 Ap 1864. After giving Thomas White's emendation Wright continues] The objections to this emendation appear to lie in the two phrases, 'at vast of night' and 'work exercise' So far as can be ascertained 'vast of night' denotes an interval of time between certain limits, and not a definite point of time, and therefore would not be used with the preposition 'at' We have of course the adverbial phrase 'at night,' but 'at vast of night' does not seem a natural expression The same remark applies to 'work exercise' With 'vast' in the sense of desolate, here applied to time as elsewhere to space, compare *Ham*. I, 11, 198 —INGLEBY (*Still Lion*, 1875, p 120) strongly upholds White's emendation, and denies that *to work an exercise* is pleonastic, 'it means,' he says, 'to perform a penal act' Prospero's phrase, 'therefore, means "that they may perform on thee all the penalties I have allotted them"' Subsequently, replying to R H LEGIS, who had said (*N & Qu* 5th S VII, 283) that White's emendation is no improvement, but destructive, and that 'they

All exercise on thee thou shalt be pinch'd
As thicke as hony-combe, each pinch more stinging
Then Bees that made 'em. 387

Cal I must eat my dinner 390
This Island's mine by *Sycorax* my mother,
Which thou tak'st from me: when thou cam'st first
Thou stroak'st me, & made much of me: wouldst giue me
Water with berries in't. and teach me how
To name the bigger Light, and how the lesse 395

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| 388 <i>hony combe</i>] <i>honey-combs</i> Pope +, Steev Mal Var | 392 <i>cam'st</i>] Ff, Wh ii <i>cam'st here</i> Ritson, Walker, Dyce ii, iii, Huds <i>camest</i> Rowe et cet |
| 389 <i>made</i>] <i>make</i> S Verges (N & Qu II, vii, 337) | 393 <i>stroak'st</i>] <i>stroak'st</i> Rowe et seq |
| 'em] <i>them</i> Cap Steev Mal Var Knt, Hal Sing Ktly | <i>made</i>] <i>mad'st</i> Rowe et seq |

may work all exercise on thee' is not good sense, Ingleby acknowledged that 'some corroboration is required for the peculiar use of "exercise," which indeed is employed by Shakespeare for penance undergone and not for punishment inflicted' DELIUS is the only editor, I believe, who has adopted White's emendation — SCHMIDT has followed it in his *Lexicon*, where he defines 'exercise' in this phrase as 'occupation in general, ordinary task, habitual activity,' definitions which look suspiciously like those devised for special occasions Only three other examples are cited by him under this head, viz *Wint T* I, ii, 166, *3 Hen VI* IV, vi, 85, *Per* I, iv, 38, of these the first alone can be construed, I think, as at all appropriate Prospero's phrase Schmidt here interprets as meaning 'all their wonted mischievous doing' By universal English editorial consent White's very ingenious and very plausible emendation is condemned. To the peculiar use of 'vast' by Elizabethan writers WALKER (*Crit* ii, 38) devotes a chapter — ED]

391, &c JEPHSON There is something pathetic in Caliban's complaint, and even sublime in the simplicity of his language. How fine is the expression, 'How to name the bigger light,' &c, and were it not for Prospero's answer and Caliban's brutal exultation in his attempted crime, all our sympathies would be in his favour

393 *stroak'st made*] Whether Shakespeare or the compositor is responsible for these imperfect words, the ear has been the guide in either case The abhorrent harshness of *stroakedst* me and *madest* much of me,' so far from suggesting a caress, justifies almost any literal alleviation See also 'strongest suggestion,' IV, i, 30 — ED

394 *berries*] W A WRIGHT It would almost seem as if this were intended as a description of the yet little-known coffee 'The Turkes,' says Burton (*Anat. of Melan* Part ii, Sect 5, Memb 1, Subsec 5), 'have a drinke called *coffa* (for they use it as wine), So named of a berry as blacke as soot, and as bitter (like that blacke drinke which was in vse amongst the *Lacedemonians*, and perhaps the same), which they sip still of, and sup as warme as they can suffer' This passage occurs for the first time in the fourth edition of Burton, 1632, and it shows that the virtues of this drink were as yet only known in England by report [See Strachey, Appendix, p 314]

395 WORDSWORTH (p 54) There can be no doubt that the Mosaic record of the creation of the sun and moon gave occasion to these words of Caliban

That burne by day, and night · and then I lou'd thee 396
 And shew'd thee all the qualities o'th' Isle,
 The fresh Springs, Brine-pits; barren place and fertill,
 Curs'd be I that did so: All the Chaimes
 Of *Sycorax* Toades, Beetles, Batts light on you. 400
 For I am all the Subjects that you haue,
 Which first was min owne King. and here you sty-me
 In this hard Rocke, whiles you doe keepe from me
 The rest o'th' Island

Pro. Thou most lying slaue, 405
 Whom stripes may moue, not kindnes I haue vs'd thee
 (Filth as thou art) with humane care, and lodg'd thee
 In mine owne Cell, till thou didst seeke to violate
 The honor of my childe

Cal. Oh ho, oh ho, would't had bene done 410
 Thou didst preuent me, I had peopel'd else
 This Isle with *Calibans*.

Mira. Abhorred Slaue, 413

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| 399. <i>Curs'd</i>] <i>Curs'd</i> Steev '93 et seq | 407 <i>lodg'd thee</i>] <i>lodg'd</i> F ₄ , Rowe, Pope, Theob Warb |
| be <i>I that</i>] be <i>I that</i> I Ff, Rowe + | 410 <i>would't</i>] <i>I would't</i> Pope +, Ktly |
| Cap 402 <i>Which</i>] <i>Who</i> Pope +. | ' <i>would't</i> Steev Mal Var Knt, Coll Hal Sta |
| sty-me] Ff | 413 <i>Mira</i>] Ff, Rowe, Pope Pros |
| 406 <i>not</i>] nor F ₂ | Dry Theob et seq |

398 *place*] Owing to the very common absorption of the plural *s* in words ending in the sound of *s*, the PHILA SH SOC suggests that 'place' is here used for *places*.

402 *min*] Can this, possibly, be a mere phonetic spelling of *mine*?—Ed

410 Oh ho, oh ho] STEEVENS This savage exclamation was originally and constantly appropriated, by the writers of our ancient Mysteries and Moralities, to the Devil; and has, in this instance, been transferred to his descendant, Caliban—MALONE. So in the verses attributed to Shakespeare 'O ho' quoth the devil, 'tis my John a Combe' But Shakespeare was led to put this ejaculation in the mouth of the savage by the following passage 'They [the savages] seemed all very civil and very merry, showing tokens of much thankfulness for those things we gave them, which they express in their language by these words—*oh, ho!* often repeated'—*Rosier's Account of Captain Weymouth's Voyage*, Purchas, IV, 1661—W A WRIGHT It would have been well if Steevens had given a single instance in support of his positive assertion, which has not been confirmed by an examination of the old plays Perhaps, also, Shakespeare may have been capable of putting so very common an exclamation into the mouth of Caliban without having it suggested to him in the way indicated by Steevens and Malone The latter would hardly have maintained that *O ho!* in this passage is an ejaculation expressive of thankfulness.

[413 Abhorred Slave,]

413 *Mira*] THEOBALD I am persuaded the author never designed this speech for Miranda. In the first place 'tis probable Prospero taught Caliban to speak, rather than left that office to his daughter. In the next place, as Prospero was here rating Caliban, it would be a great impropriety for her to take the discipline out of his hands, and, indeed, in some sort an indecency in her to reply to what Caliban was last speaking of. I can easily guess that the change was first deriv'd from the players, who, not loving that any character should stand too long silent on the stage, to obviate that inconvenience with regard to Miranda, clap'd this speech to her part. [Theobald also noted that Dryden had given this speech to Prospero.]—CAPELL What [Theobald] says of the change's cause may be right,—that it sprang of players' not liking that a character of Miranda's importance should stand so long on the stage without a share of the dialogue.—PHILADELPHIA SH. SOC. Rev. Dr. KRAUTH urged that the distribution as it stands in F₁ be retained, because 1st. That the strong language was such as would naturally spring from the inborn purity of a woman, and this, too, without attributing to Miranda any precocious knowledge of the extent of Caliban's offered insult. She knew that his intentions were of such villainy as to arouse the utmost wrath of her calm father, and to bring upon him the severest punishment. In her first allusion to Caliban she calls him a 'villain', and the epithet 'slave' seems to have been her father's ordinary style of address to him. 2d. That if this speech be attributed to Prospero, a most charming picture of Miranda's youth will be lost, which needs but to be contemplated to be appreciated. 3d. The supposition that Miranda was the youthful instructress of Caliban receives a confirmation, suggested by Mr. DICKSON, in Caliban's assertion, *post*, II, ii, 149, where, in reply to Stephano's announcement that he was the man in the moon, Caliban says 'I have seen thee in her.—My *mistress* showed me thee.' [With Dr. Krauth the present editor then agreed, and has not since then seen reason to change his opinion.—ED.]—On the other hand, the DEAN, Judge SHARSWOOD, and Prof. AILEN, maintained that the speech is, —if not unfeminine,—utterly discrepant, in tone, from everything else Miranda says, while it is, in every respect, identical in character with the speeches of Prospero which precede and follow it. It is a continuation of the history of Caliban's education, and Prospero should be the one to continue it, for Caliban had begun it by saying that Prospero was his teacher. Prospero stood pressing in need of Caliban's services from the moment of his landing on the island. He therefore *must* have begun to educate him,—and Caliban says he *did*,—when he first came. But at that time Miranda was 'not full out three years old', so that,—while her father taught him 'how to name the bigger light and how the less,' *she* could hardly have been competent so early even to 'show him the man in the moon and his dog and his bush,' far less to 'endow his purposes with words to make them known,' when *he* did not 'know his own meaning'. It may be added, too, that,—while such error in the names of the speakers is sufficiently accounted for by the known carelessness of the compositors of F₂,—the capitals M and P (in *Mira* and *Pro*) are so much alike, in the hand-writing of the time, that they might easily be mistaken the one for the other.—STAUNTON (*Athenaeum*, 16 Nov. 1872). A careful examination of this speech and its surroundings convinces me that it is Miranda's. It lacks much of the delicacy and gentleness which pervade her language in other scenes, yet not more than is natural, considering the crime her father had just laid to Caliban's charge. Moreover, if it sounds harsh for her, it is infinitely too mild for Prospero when compared with his previous and subsequent language to this 'poisonous slave'. [Staunton's final reason is the same

Which any print of goodnesse wilt not take,
 Being capable of all ill I pittied thee, 415
 Took pains to make thee speak, taught thee each houre
 One thing or other. when thou didst not (Sauage)
 Know thine owne meaning, but wouldst gabble, like
 A thing most brutish, I endow'd thy purposes
 With words that made them knowne But thy vild race 420
 (Tho thou didst learn) had that in't, which good natures
 Could not abide to be with, therefore waft thou
 Deferuedly confin'd into this Rocke, who hadst 423

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| 414 Which] Who Dry Pope, Han | Shew wouldst Warb Cap |
| wilt] will Ff, Rowe, Pope, Han | 418 meaning, but] Ff meaning, |
| Johns Steev Mal Var Knt, Coll Sing | but Pope |
| Ktly, Sta Clke | 420 vild] vild Wilson |
| 417, 418 didst Know wouldst] | 423, 424 who prison] Om Pope, |
| wouldst Shew. didst Han couldst | Han Separate line, Theob et seq |

as that put forth by Theobald and Capell, that without this speech Miranda would have been too much of a 'dummy in the scene'—ED.]

415 **capable]** STAUNTON. Here, as in many other places, 'capable' signifies *impressible, susceptible*

418 **Know]** Warburton argues speciously for his emendation *shew* 'Sure a brute,' he says, 'to which Caliban is compared, doth know its own meaning, that is, knows what it would be at. This, indeed, it cannot do, it cannot *shew* its meaning to others. Besides, Prospero expressly says that Caliban had 'purposes', which, in other words, is that he did 'know his own meaning'—HEATH (p 11) When Prospero first met with Caliban, the latter would gabble out certain uncouth noises like the jabbering of an ape, destitute of any determinate meaning, and though he had, indeed, purposes, yet he had never adapted any of these noises to a particular expression of them, nor, perhaps, could signify them twice successively by the same precise sound. So that, though he had purposes, and knew the purposes he had, yet it may very properly and truly be said that he did not know his own meaning, that is, the meaning of that gabble he was perpetually uttering without any certain design or determinate signification—CAPPELL (60a) The whole animal world, each individual of it, cannot but have *knowledge* of what itself *purposes*, and to a large part of it is given means of expressing these purposes, by look, action, or sound, Caliban, as a brute, had his purposes, and some means of expressing them, but short of what his human part might have, and of what it had at this time through Prospero's teaching.—W. A. WRIGHT. The text as it stands signifies 'know how to attach meaning to the sounds thou didst utter'

420 **race]** STEEVENS That is, original disposition, inborn qualities.—STAUNTON That is, *nature, essence*

421. (Tho thou didst learn)] A skillful touch. Caliban's rhythmical language and, at times, poetic imagery prove that he had been an apt pupil, and that he did indeed learn—ED.

423, 424 **Deseruedly** . Deseru'd] This repetition of almost the same word

Deferu'd more then a prifon

Cal. You taught me Language, and my profit on't 425
Is, I know how to curfe the red-plague rid you
For learning me your language

Prof. Hag-feed, hence :

Fetch vs in Fewell, and be quicke thou'rt beft
To answer other bufineffe : fhrug'ft thou (Malice) 430

If thou neglect'ft, or doft vnwillingly
What I command, Ile racke thee with old Crampes, 432

424 *Deferu'd]* *deserv'd death* Nicholson (N & Qu III, ix, 28)

429 *quicke thou'rt beft]* F₂F₃ *quicke*,
thou art beft F₄ *quicke, thou wert'st best*
Rowe *quicke* (*thou 'wert best*) Pope +

(*thou wert'* Warb) *quicke, thou 'ert*
best (corrected to *thou wert* in Errata),
Cap Steev Mal Var Knt, Hal *quicke*
thou'rt best, Coll et cet

attracted Walker's attention (The nine syllable line which Theobald, followed by all modern editors, made by transferring 'who hadst' of line 423 to the beginning of line 424, Walker says is 'an alien to Shakespeare') 'It is possible,' he says (*Crit* i, 287), 'he may have written "*Justly confin'd* into this rock who hadst Deserv'd more than a prison," or the like But, strange as it seems, I cannot help suspecting that "deservedly" has been foisted into the text "therefore wast thou Confin'd into this rock, who hadst deserv'd More than a prison" Note the difference in the flow'

423 *confin'd into]* See line 322, above

424 See line 65, above

426 *red-plague]* GREY (i, 13) suggests that this might refer to the *red crosses* set upon the doors of houses infected with the pestilence in Shakespeare's time, in 'preceding plagues they sometimes made use of black crosses'—STEEVENS says roundly, without offering any authority, that the 'erysipelas was anciently called the "red-plague"'—Dr KRAUTH (*Phila Sh Soc*) believed that the 'red-plague' is leprosy from the descriptions in *Levit* xiii See also *Coriol* IV, i, 3, *Tro & Cress* II, i, 20—HALLIWELL In the *General Practise of Physicke*, 1605, p 675, three different kinds of plague sore are mentioned 'sometimes it is red, otherwhiles yellow, and sometimes blacke, which is the very worst and most venomous' An early MS medical commonplace-book, in my possession, says, 'the plague and pestilence, or *red plague*, doth moste abounde from Midsomer to Autume,' &c The same volume prescribes blood-letting every twenty-four hours for this disease, which Steevens erroneously supposed was the erysipelas.

426 *rid]* MALONE That is, destroy

427 *learning]* The use of this word in the sense of *teaching* is still far from uncommon in this country.—W A WRIGHT refers to the Prayer-Book Version of *Psalms* xxv, 4 'Lead me forth in thy truth and learn me'—See ABBOTT, § 291

429 *thou'rt best]* For this perverted phrase, see ABBOTT, § 230 Observe in the Textual Notes the embarrassment which the apostrophe caused the early editors

432 *old]* ABBOTT refers to the Porter's 'old turning of the key' in *Macb* II, iii, 2 But I doubt if the two are parallel, 'old turning,' 'old swearing,' 'old coil,' and the like, whereof Schmidt will give examples, have an air of jocularly which cannot

Fill all thy bones with Aches, make thee rore, 433
That beafts shall ticmble at thy dyn.

Cal No, 'pray thee 435
I must obey, his Art is of such pow'r,
It would controll my Dams god *Setebos*, 437

434 *That*] *The Rowe* 1

436-438 [Aside Cap et seq

possibly lie in Prospero's speech 'Old cramps' refer, I think, to the cramps which Caliban had aforesaid, and of whose power he had experience —ED

433 *Aches*] J P KEMBLE (*Boaden's Life*, II, 520) If the old use and pronunciation of the word *aches* can be decided by authority, I should think Baret, in his *Alvearie*, 1580, conclusive on the question 'The Ache or payne of body or minde To haue ache, payne, or grief to be sory Vide *Ake*' And under *Ake*, to which the reader is referred, 'Ake is the Verbe of this substantiue Ach, *ch* being turned into *k*' So that it appears that anciently the monosyllabic and dissyllabic pronunciation distinguished the verb and the substantive —BOSWELL. That *ache* was pronounced in the same way as the letter *h* is placed beyond a doubt by *Much Ado*, III, iv, 56, where a joke is founded upon it Taylor, the water poet, at a much later period, in his *The World runs on Wheels*, has 'Every cart-horse doth know the letter G very understandingly, and H hath he in his bones' Swift has the same pronunciation in his *City Shower* 'Old aches throb, your hollow tooth will rage' —DYCE Here is an instance from Blackmore 'Cripples, with aches and with age opprest, Crawl on their crutches to the grave for rest' —*Eliza*, 1705, IX, p 249 —STAUNTON is entirely correct when he says that the distinction between the substantive and the verb, the one *ache* and the other *ake*, is invariably marked in the Folio. That the substantive *ache* was pronounced soft is clear enough from Baret's *Alvearie*, from Beatrice, in *Much Ado*, from Taylor, the water-poet, and, finally, W A WRIGHT gives in full the excellent epigram from Heywood, merely referred to by Boswell 'Of the letter H' (p. III, *Spenser Soc Reprint*), 'H is worst among letters in the crosse row, For if thou finde him other in thine elbow, In thine arme, or leg, in any degree, In thine head, or teeth, in thy toe or knee, Into what place soever H may pike him, Where euer you find ache, thou shalt not like him' See 'My old bones akes,' III, iii, 5 —WALKER (*Vers* 117) queries whether it were not pronounced *atch*, and quotes the rhyme of 'match' with 'ach,' from Spenser's *Shepherd's Calendar*, viii, and 'atch' from Har rington, and the rhyme of 'catches' and 'aches' from *Hudibras* 'Compare,' adds Walker, 'bake and batch, &c Yet would Butler have scrupled to rhyme *atch* with *atch*? Was the word pronounced both ways?'

437 *Setebos*] FARMER Perhaps Shakespeare had read Eden's *History of Tra vayne*, 1577, p 134 [The passage here referred to, and of which Farmer gives only a few lines, is to be found in the account of Magellan's voyage, on which he started in August, 1519 When in 'the 49 degree and a halfe vnder the pole Antartyke they espyed' a giant, 'so bygge, that the heade of one of owr men of a meane stature, came but to his waste,' he had 'a large heade and great eares lyke vnto a mule, with the body of a camel, and tayle of a horse The feete of the giant were fouled in the skynne after the manner of shoos Vppon his cheekes were paynted two hartes, and redde circles about his eyes The heare of his headde was coloured whyte' After reading this description, and learning that when a looking-glass was shown him he started

And make a vassaile of him.

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Pro So flauē, hence

Exit Cal

Enter Ferdinand & Ariel, inuisible playing & singing

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Ariel Song Come vnto these yellow sands,

and then take hands:

Curtied when you haue, and kist

the wilde waues whist:

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439 *Exit Cal*] Om F₃F₄

F₃F₄

440 Scene V Pope+

444 In parenthesis, Warb Cap Steev

[Musick Re-enter Ariel, inuisible, Ferd following Cap

Mal Var Between commas or dashes

Hal Sing Wh 1, Dyce, Ktly, Jeph Sta

441, 460 *Ariel Song*] *Ariel's Song*

Clke, Hunter

back in such affright that he 'ouerthrewe two that stooode nearest about hym,' can we wonder that he has survived in the Geographies of our infant days as the typical Patagonian? Two of these giants the 'Capitayne Magellan tooke by deceyte by loading them with presents and then causing shackels of iren to be put on theyr legges, makyngne signes that he wold also giue them those chaynes, but they begunne to doubtē, and when at last they sawe how they were deceaued they rored lyke bulles and cryed vppon theyr greate deuyll *Setebos* to helpe them' One of these two giants remained with Magellan for several months 'On a tyme, as one made a crosse before him and kyssed it, shewynge it vnto hym, he suddely cryed out *Setebos*, and declared by signes that if they made any more crosses, *Setebos* wold enter into his body and make him buist'—*A briefe Declaration of the Vyage or Nauigation made aboute the Worlde* by Antonie Pygafetta, in the which Ferdinando Magallanes, a Portugale (whom sum caule Magellanus), was generall Capitayne of the nauie, 1526 Arber's Reprint, p 252 It is, perhaps, noteworthy that just before this account (which is greatly abridged) of these Patagonian giants, there were two separate occasions on which 'the fyers cauled saynte Helen, saynte Nicholas, and saynt Clare appered vppon the mast and cabels of the shyppes'—ED]

440 inuisible] STEEVENS In the wardrobe of the Lord Admiral's men, 1598, was 'a robe for to goo inuisibell' [Henslowe's *Diary*, Sh Soc Reprint, p 277]

441, &c E. W GOSSE (*Athenaeum*, 4 Dec 1874) compares with this song Hero's first speech to Leander (Marlowe's *Works*, III, p 19, ed Dyce), 'where she is letting him know how he can find her tower, and describes it as standing "where all is whisr and still, Save that the sea playing on yellow sand, Sends forth a rattling murmur to the land"' It appears to me,' continues Gosse, 'beyond all question (and I may be allowed to add that Mr Swinburne, who of all men living ought to understand best the relations between Shakespeare and Marlowe, entirely concurs with me) that an echo of the dead shepherd's words, written when Shakespeare himself, though so nearly of the same age as Marlowe, was still quite incapable of forming lines of such magical music, was ringing in the ears of the younger poet when he wrote the song in *The Tempest*, and if so it is not wholly unimportant as giving another minute clue to the feeling the greatest of writers had for the wonderful creature, who, had he lived, might have grown into a greater poet still than Shakespeare' [As great, perhaps, in some respects, but where in Marlowe, among lesser traits, is the promise of the infinite wit that can set the whole world on a roar?—ED.]

443 kist] STEEVENS As was anciently done at the beginning of some dances

[443, 444 kist the wilde waues whist]

so in *Hen VIII* I, iv, 95 'I were unmannerly to take you out, And not to kiss you'

444 the wilde waues whist] STEEVENS That is, the wild waves being *silent* So in Spenser's *Faerie Queene*, b vii, c 7 [line 533] 'So was the Titaness put downe, and whist' And Milton seems to have had our author in his eye See stanza 5 of his *Hymn on the Nativity* 'The winds with wonder whist, Smoothly the waters kiss'd' So, again, both Lord Surrey and Phaer, in their translations of the second book of Virgil 'Conticuere omnes, They whisted all', and Lily, in his *Maid's Metamorphosis*, 1600 'But everything is quiet, whist, and still'—KNIGHT'S indignation is stirred by the treating of this line as a parenthesis by Warburton, although it is Steevens whom Knight supposes to be the culprit 'This is,' he says, 'one of the many instances of a poetical idea being utterly destroyed by false punctuation If Steevens is right, and the wild waves are silent, then, of course, the spirits have courtesied (paid courtesies to) themselves, and kissed themselves But look at the exquisite beauty of the invocation, as written by the poet When you have courtesied to the wild waves, and kissed them into silence'—STAUNTON is ready to accept both punctuations, if an allusion to the old ceremony of curtsying and kissing is intended, then the parenthesis is right, but the punctuation of the Folio, however, affords 'an intelligible and poetic meaning'—HALLIWEIL doubts if Knight's interpretation be correct, 'the ear requiring a pause' after 'kiss'd' 'The allusion,' he adds, 'is to the ancient custom of kissing at dances, which occasioned the indignant censure of Stubbes, who amusingly calls it, 'clipping, culling, kissing and bussing, smouching and slabbering one of another'—DYCE, too, believes Steevens is right in his parenthesis (and, what is a little remarkable in that vacillating editor, retains the same opinion throughout his three editions), 'the poet had an eye,' he thinks, 'to the ceremonies which were formerly observed at the commencement of certain dances'—JOURDAIN (p 138) denies that 'whist' means *silent* 'Why should the waves be silent?' he asks, 'Surely they are wanted to pipe, and with the secondary Anglosaxon verb *hwisthan*, to pipe, fife, before us, I submit that *whist* is the base of *whistle*, and that the poet best explains his own meaning in "To dance our ringlets to the *whistling* wind, Therefore the winds, *piping to us in vain*," &c—*Mid N D* II, 1 The "wild waves" were required to keep time as the music' A similar view was taken twenty-five years later, in 1885, by C A WARD (*N & Qu* 6th S xii, 104), to whom the passage seems to mean that the 'sad sea waves will *whist-le* their low dirge as you "foot it,"' &c This note of Ward is unintelligible to me, he plumply denies the existence of Steevens's remark, and yet refers to Milton's *Hymn*, which Steevens cites—JEPHSON also virtually accepts the parenthesis, and pronounces the line a nominative absolute, a parenthetical member of the sentence, not depending on any other 'A form of the word is still used by the vulgar in Ireland, who say "whist," meaning *be silent* Whist, the game at cards, is said to be so called because those who play it must be hushed or silent.'—BR NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 3d S. ix, 27, 1866) would punctuate so as 'to indicate that, as was the custom, they were to take hands when or after that they had curtsied and kissed, and the next line I would make a separate invocation, thus "Come unto these yellow sands, And then take hands, Curt'sied when you have, and kissed—Ye wild waves whist"—Foot it featly,"' &c See line 446 for Nicholson's arrangement of the rest of the song—CAMBRIDGE EDITORS This punctuation [i.e. the Folio's, except in the omission of the comma after 'have'] seems to be supported by what Ferdinand says in lines 455, 456, &c

Foot it featly heere, and there, and sweete Sprights beare 445
the burthen. Burthen disperfedly.

445, 446 beare the burthen] the bur-
 then beare Dryden, Pope et seq

446 disperfedly] dispersedly within
 Dyce

[To this note W A WRIGHT, in the Clarendon Edition, adds] But if we take 'kiss'd' to refer to the faeries, who, before beginning their dance, courtsy to and kiss their partners, the words, 'the wild waves whist,' must be read parenthetically, 'the wild waves being silent,' and as it is Ariel's music that stills the waves and not the faeries, this seems to be the better reading—ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) Perhaps the Folio can be better sustained by conceiving the action thus the nymphs are formed on the sands for a dance, the waves are converted by the poet's imagination into a crowd of spectators, restless and noisy until the spectacle shall begin, when the nymphs indicate, by taking hands, courtesying to, and kissing, partners, that they *are* beginning, the waves are hushed by the signal into silent attention, and thus the nymphs do, *in effect*, 'kiss the wild waves whist,' although they *actually* kiss, not the waves, but each other [Allen's interpretation is to me the best—ED]

445 Foot it featly] DYCE (*Few Notes*, p 11) This expression, which is now so familiar to us from Ariel's song, was certainly an unusual one in the days of Shakespeare, who probably caught it from a line in Lodge's *Glaucus and Scilla*, 1589 'Footing it featlie on the grassie ground'—Sig A2

445, &c Capell's arrangement has been generally adopted from his day to the present, in the few cases in which it has been discarded it was probably not understood The whole song is Ariel's, interrupted only by the burthen, which is simply the barking of dogs behind the traverses Capell prints thus

foot it featly here and there ,
and, sweet sprites the burthen bear
Hark, hark !
bur Bowgh, wowgh [disperedly
the watch-dogs bark
bur Bowgh, wowgh [disperedly
Hark, hark ! I hear
the strain of strutting chanticleere
cry, Cock-a-doodle-do

Capell hereupon comments 'There is direction [in F₂] for a "burthen" or chorus, but no words for it, it came in therefore at the words "Hark, hark!" and consisted of a musick that seem'd to come from all parts of the stage (for that is meant by the word "disperedly"), imitative of the barking of dogs, and this burthen which comes twice over is follow'd by another at the second "Hark, hark!" the nature of which Ariel tells you, and, in both, catches the first notes that usher them in, and accompanies them with his voice; as, in the next song, he does manifestly another wild air that makes the burthen of that Both were favourites, seemingly, of the tunes they were made for for with the latter song's burthen, they had been treated afore [see *Mer of Ven* III, 11, 77], and of the first's second burthen, the editor has seen a trace in some musick belonging to that age'—BR NICHOLSON continues the note of which a portion was given at line 444 'Ariel distinctly calls upon the sweet

Harke, harke, bowgh wawgh. the watch-Dogges barke, 447
bowgh-wawgh
 Ar. *Hark, hark, I heare, the straine of strutting Chanticleere*
cry cockadiddle-dowe 450
Fer Where shold this Mufick be? I'th aire, or th'earth?
 It founds no more and fure it waytes vpon 452

447, 448 bowgh wawgh] In separate lines, as the burthen, Cap Steev Mal Var Coll Hal Sing Dyce, Ktly, Sta Clke, Wrt
 450 cry] A stage direction Daniel, Perring
 450 cockadiddle dowe] Cock a doodle do Dryden
 451 *I'th aire, or th'earth?* in air, or earth? Pope, Han i'th air, or earth Theob Warb Johns

sprites to bear the burden, and "Bow, wow" is not sweet, nor a likely mode of response from sea-nymphs Hence I would add [as follows]

"[*Spirits dispersedly*] Hark, hark '
 [*Within*] Bow, wow
 [*Spirits*] The watch-dogs bark
 [*Within*] Bow, wow "

'Further still, as there was then, as now, a growing tendency to increased stage decoration, machinery, and shows, I think that there was intended to be an actual dance of sea-nymphs around about the disconsolate Ferdinand, just as there was a dance of fairies around Herne's Oak and Sir John, or of witches around the cauldron in *Macbeth*. The "Hark, hark!" is by them, and in this view the "*dispersedly*" indicates their breaking off suddenly from the circling dance and unjoining hands at the alarm of the watch-dogs, just as they finally disperse at the cock-crow"—DANIEL (p 10) suggests that 'the burthen heard "*dispersedly*" is the barking of dogs and the crowing of cocks,' and that therefore 'cry' is not a part of Ariel's song, but is a stage-direction. This suggestion HUDSON adopted in his text

451, &c STRACHEY (*Quarterly Rev* July, 1890, p 119) Here, following our method of interpretation [which is, that these elves and sprites represent the natural, elemental powers and charms of the island], we should say that Ferdinand falls into a reverie, which is so heightened by the soft sunny scene and climate around him, that while he gazes idly and pensively on the waters, and the yellow sands, and the green fields, he feels as though all nature were instinct with life, he watches the ebbing and flowing tide till those countless ripples seem to be the footsteps of fairies who dance, and kiss into gentleness the waves of late so wild, he looks on the landscape till he hears, or seems to hear, the barking of dogs and crowing of cocks, telling him that the homes of men are not far distant, and that after all he may not be so utterly, hopelessly alone and cast away as he had seemed just now, and then, when these brighter fancies are driven back by the sudden recurrence of the sad thought that his father is drowned, even this grief becomes imaginative under the influence of the place. His father has not perished, but suffered a rich and strange transformation below the waters, while sea-nymphs ring his knell in each rolling wave, to which he listens till it seems to him again that 'this is no mortal business'

Some God 'oth' Iland, sitting on a banke, 453
 Weeping againe the King my Fathers wracke.
 This Musicke crept by me vpon the waters, 455
 Allaying both their fury, and my passion
 With it's sweet ayre thence I haue follow'd it
 (Or it hath drawne me rather) but 'tis gone
 No, it begins againe 459

453 'oth'] of the Steev Dry
Iland, sitting'] Ff Island Sit- 454 *again'* against Rowe 1, Pope,
ting Pope et seq Theob Han Warb Cap
 454 *Weeping wracke'] weeping*
against the Duke, my Father's wrack'd seq *wracke'] Ff wreck, Rowe 11 et*

454 *again'* MALONE In the books of Shakespeare's age 'again' is sometimes printed instead of *against* [1 e opposite to], which, I am persuaded, was our author's word. The placing Ferdinand in such a situation that he could still gaze upon the wrecked vessel is one of Shakespeare's touches of nature. 'Again,' in its ordinary sense, is inadmissible, for this would import that Ferdinand's tears had ceased for a time, whereas he himself tells us, afterwards, that from the hour of his father's wreck they had *never* ceased to flow, see line 506, *post*—STEEVENS. By the word 'again' I suppose the Prince means only to describe the repetition of his sorrows. Besides, it appears, from Miranda's description of the storm, that the ship had been *swallowed* by the waves, and, consequently, could no longer be an object of sight—MALONE. Miranda supposed that this was the case, but we learn from Ariel that this was not so. See line 264, above—PHILA SH SOC (in support of 'again') Ariel brings Ferdinand to land 'by himself'. The 'fever of the mad' left him, and—no longer seeing the ship (which was already hidden 'in the deep nook')—he believed his father to have perished, and gave way to a burst of grief for his loss. Then some impulse of hope against hope, or some secret agency of Ariel's, aroused him, and he wandered, in search of his father. During his exertions, and while he still felt some ray of hope, his grief would be less passionate. But when—after reaching 'an odd angle of the isle'—he had relapsed into despair, he then sat down upon a bank, and, giving way to a fresh burst of grief, wept *again* the king his father's wreck. It was at this point that Ariel—in pursuance of the whispered instructions of Prospero—caused the faery music to creep over the waves of the sea, opposite to the seat of Ferdinand, and—having aroused him—led him, by the same influence, to move along the shore, parallel with the sweet air, until he had reached the cave and the presence of Miranda—ABBOTT, § 27. 'Again' is used for *again* and *again*, 1 e repeatedly, and hence intensively almost like *again*.

455 *crept']* The THIRD CAMBRIDGE EDITION (1891) notes *crept* as the reading of F₂. It is not so in my copy. These variations in copies of the same edition should be carefully noted. They help to emancipate us from the delusion that in the Folio we have the text as Shakespeare wrote it. It is well to be constantly reminded that between us and Shakespeare there is a barrier of compositors, and to cling too tenaciously to the printed text, or to set up our rest on collation, is to fall into the 'modern Manicheism, the worship of the Printer's devil'—ED.

457 *it's']* See line 113 of this Scene.

Arvell Song. *Full fadom five thy Father lies,* 460
Of his bones are Corall made :
Those are pearles that were his ewes,
Nothing of him that doth fade,
But doth suffer a Sea-change
Into something rich, & strange : 465
Sea-Nymphs hourly ring his knell.

Burthen ding dong.

Harke now I heare them, ding-dong bell. 468

460 fadom] fathom Dry

467, 468 Transposed, Pope+, Cap

461 are] is Dry

Steev Mal

Corrall] corals Ktly

460 fadom] W A WRIGHT In this spelling the Folios are not uniform, for in *As You Like It*, IV, 1, 210, the First Folio reads, 'that thou didst know how many fathome deepe I am in love' Nor is Shakespeare consistent in using the singular and plural forms of the word, for we find both used for the plural Compare *Rom. & Jul* I, iv, 85, 'Of healths five fathom deep', and *Tro & Cress* I, 1, 50, 'Reply not in how many fathoms deep They lie indrench'd'

460, &c On p 202 (ed Bohn) of his *Dramatic Poets* LAMB gives the funeral dirge for Marcello from Webster's *White Devil* (p 146, ed Dyce), which Cornelia, the mother, sings

'Call for the robin-red-breast, and the wren,
 Since o'er shady groves they hover,
 And with leaves and flowers do cover
 The friendless bodies of unburi'd men
 Call unto his funeral dole
 The ant, the field-mouse, and the mole,
 To rear him hillocks, that shall keep him warm,
 And (when gay tombs are robb'd) sustain no harm,
 But keep the wolf far thence, that's foe to men,
 For with his nails he'll dig them up again'

'I never saw,' says Lamb, 'anything like this Dirge, except the Ditty that reminds Ferdinand of his drowned father in *The Tempest* As that is of the water, watery; so this is of the earth, earthy Both have that intenseness of feeling, which seems to resolve itself into the elements which it contemplates.'

463, 464 STEEVENS The meaning is, everything about him that is liable to alteration is changed —PHILLPOTTS Compare this with the fine passage in *Rich. III* I, iv, 26, describing the bottom of the sea, with its 'Heaps of pearl, Inestimable stones, unvalued jewels, All scatter'd in the bottom of the sea Some lay in dead men's skulls, and in those holes Where eyes did once inhabit there were crept, As 't were in scorn of eyes, reflecting gems,' &c , and notice the happy way in which the tragedy contrasts the relics of mortality with the lost treasure, while the lighter drama fuses them into all that is most lovely and pure in nature

467 Burthen ding dong] In Wilson's *Cheerfull Ayres or Ballads*, 1660, these words are omitted, but at the end there follows 'Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Bell'—ED

Fer. The Ditty do's remember my drown'd father,
This is no mortall busines, nor no found 470
That the earth owes I heare it now aboue me.

Pro The fringed Curtaines of thine eye aduance,
And fay what thou see'st yond. 473

471 *owes*] *owns* Pope+

472 Scene VI Pope+.

469 Ditty] W A WRIGHT Properly the words of a song Compare Bacon, *Essay* xxxvii, p 156 (ed Wright), 'And the Ditty High and Tragically, Not nice or Dainty', and *Ecclesiasticus* xlv, 5, 'Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing', where the marginal note on the word 'verses' (ἐπη) is 'ditties' See also Massinger, *The Guardian*, iv, 2, 'A well-penn'd ditty'

469 remember] PHILA SH SOC That is, *commemorate* Cf 'Do this in remembrance of me'

471 *owes*] KRAUTH (*Phila Sh Soc* p 20) It is somewhat remarkable that in the verse 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that *owneth* this girdle,' *Acts* xxi, 11, in Tyndale, of 1526, it reads 'owneth,' but in the latest Tyndale, of 1534, it is '*oweth*,' and so in Cranmer, Genevan, Bishops, and in the first and all the early editions of the Authorised Version, and it is so given in all the original editions of Cruden's *Concordance* In the verse 'he that *owneth* the house shall come and tell the priest,' *Leuit* xiv, 35, Tyndale, 1530, reads '*oweth*,' as also Cranmer, Genevan, Bishops, and Authorised Version, but Coverdale, 1535, '*owneth*' The change was probably made in Blayney's ed., 1769, the Standard Edition.

472. Of this line CAPELL says, that it 'has not it's parallel anywhere for stiffness and quaintness'—STEEVENS Compare *Per* III, ii, 99 'Her eyelids . . . Begin to part their fringes of bright gold'—DICKSON (*Phila Sh Soc*) cited, to show that Shakespeare expressed the direction of the eye towards a distant object by the word 'advance,' or its equivalent, *Hen V* V, Chorus 'your eyes advance . . . straight back again to France', *Rom & Jul* II, iii, 5 'ere the sun advance his burning eye', *All's Well*, II, iii, 58 'Fair maid, send forth thine eye', in the present play, IV, i, 201 'Advanced their eyelids'—COLERIDGE (*Seven Lectures*, p 124). Prospero has just told Miranda a wonderful story, which deeply affected her, and filled her with surprise and astonishment, and for his own purposes he afterwards lulls her to sleep When she awakes Shakespeare has made her wholly inattentive to the present, but wrapped up in the past An actress who understands the character of Miranda would have her eyes cast down and her eyelids almost covering them, while she was, as it were, living in her dream At this moment Prospero sees Ferdinand, and wishes to point him out to his daughter, not only with great, but with scenic solemnity, he standing before her, and before the spectator, in the dignified character of a great magician Something was to appear to Miranda on the sudden and as unexpectedly as if the hero of a drama were to be on the stage at the instant when the curtain is elevated It is under such circumstances that Prospero says, in a tone calculated at once to arouse his daughter's attention, 'The fringed curtains,' &c Turning from the sight of Ferdinand to his thoughtful daughter, his attention was first struck by the downcast appearance of her eyes and eyelids and in my humble opinion the solemnity of the phraseology assigned to Prospero is completely in character, recollecting his preternatural capacity, in which the most familiar objects in nature present themselves in a mysterious point of view

Mir. What is't a Spirit?

Lord, how it lookes about Beleeue me sit, 475
It carries a biauë foime But 'tis a spirit

Pro. No wench, it eats, and sleeps, & hath such senses
As we haue: such. This Gallant which thou see'st
Was in the wracke and but hee's something stain'd
With greefe (that's beauties canker) y^e might'ft call him 480
A goodly perfon he hath lost his fellowes,
And strays about to finde 'em.

Mir. I might call him
A thing diuine, for nothing naturall
I euer saw so Noble 485

Pro. It goes on I see
As my soule prompts it: Spirit, fine spirit, Ile free thee
Within two dayes for this.

Fer. Most sure the Goddesse
On whom these ayres attend Vouchsafe my pray'r 490
May know if you remaine vpon this Island,
And that you will some good instruction giue
How I may beare me heere my prime request
(Which I do last pronounce) is (O you wonder)
If you be Mayd, or no? 495

474. *What is't*] *What 'is't* Daniel
 is't a] Ff *is't, a* Rowe+ *is't?*
a Cap et seq
482 *'em*] *them* Cap Steev Mal Knt,
Hal Sing

486 [Aside Pope
 It goes on] *It goes* Cap

486 *I see*] Om Steev '93
487 *fine spirit*] Om Han
490 [Kneeling Coll. n (MS)
495 *Mayd*] *Maid* F₃ *made* F₄,
Rowe, Pope, Theob Han Warb Mal
Steev '93, Var

479 but] For this use of 'but,' meaning *except*, see ABBOTT, § 120

489 FARMER (p 43). It seems that Shakespeare, in *The Tempest*, hath been suspected of translating some expressions of Virgil, witness the *O Dea certe* [Presumably, Farmer is here answering a genuine criticism, but I have been unable to find, earlier than Farmer himself, any such claim for Shakespeare here, as that which the learned Fellow of Emmanuel here proceeds to deride, and, as he thinks, to demolish by showing that Stanyhurst, in his *Vergil*, 1583, translates *O Dea certe* by 'No doubt, a goddesse.' Farmer is usually a pattern of exactness, but it does look here as though he were pommelling a foe of his own creation —ED]

492 that] See ABBOTT, § 285, for other examples of the omission of 'that' at the beginning of a sentence, and then inserting it to connect a more distant clause with the conjunction on which the clause depends

495 *Mayd*] With but two or three exceptions the perversion of F₄, *made*, held a place in all editions, down to Singer's first edition in 1826, since then every editor

Mir. No wonder Sir,
But certainly a Mayd.

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without exception, I believe, has followed the First Folio, whose reading is so clearly right that it would be scarcely worth while to give much space to the comments thereon, were it not that one of the objects of this edition is to give, to a certain extent, the history of Shakespearian criticism —WARBURTON, accepting *made* in Ferdinand's speech, conceived that Miranda, an utter stranger to the flattery invented by vicious and designing men, 'prettily' illustrated the 'singularity of her character by the pleasant mistake' of her answer 'It could not enter into her imagination that any one should be willing to have his fellow-creature believe that he thought her a goddess, or an immortal' —JOHNSON (one of the exceptions, who read 'maid') thinks that Warburton 'has here found a beauty' which Shakespeare 'never intended Ferdinand asks her not whether she was a *created being*, a question which, if he meant it, he has ill expressed, but whether she was unmarried, for after the dialogue which Prospero's interruption produces, he goes on pursuing his former question "O, if a virgin, I'll make you Queen of Naples"' —FARMER upholds Warburton, and cites a passage from Fletcher's *Sea Voyage* (a drama closely imitating *The Tempest*), where Albert addresses the ladies in *his* desert island as 'goddesses', and also a passage from *The Faerie Queene*, Bk III, Canto v, St 35, where Timias asks Belpheobe, 'Angell or Goddess, doe I call thee right?' &c The wonder is that Farmer was so moderate in the number of his citations —T WARTON supplemented Farmer's quotations by citing Milton's *Comus*, 265 'an imitation which explains Shakespeare' —MALONE, also an advocate of *F*, cited Dryden's Version, Lodge's description of Fawnia, the Perdita of *Winter's Tale*, and urges, as adding strength to his position, that there is no article prefixed to *maid* —STEEVENS also followed his friend, Dr Farmer, deserting for once his associate editor, of whose association he had boasted that his own was the only name that had ever appeared on the same title-page with Dr Johnson's, and, furthermore, despite the common-sense, epigrammatic decision in favour of 'maid' by MONCK MASON (*Comments on Beau & Fl* p 5), to the effect that 'readers are to determine whether they will adopt a natural and simple expression which requires no comment, or one which the ingenuity of many commentators has but imperfectly supported' —HOLT (p 34) and CAPELL (61*a*) both uphold the First Folio The former says 'sure the knowledge whether she was single was very material and very natural Ferdinand felt a growing passion, and was willing to be satisfied as soon as possible whether that grand obstacle of her being already engag'd stood in his way' Capell says of the word 'maid,' 'the user of it imagining just at that time that he's addressing a goddess, which mistake he comes out of towards his speech's end, as his question demonstrates' With the Variorum of '21 the discussion closes, except a faint echo, where COLLIER, in his first edition, says (he omitted the remark in his later editions) that 'Miranda's answer is to be taken in the same sense as Ferdinand's question,' where 'maid' is used in its general sense, and DYCE (*Few Notes*, p 11) thereupon observes with emphasis, 'I differ entirely from Mr Collier about the meaning of Miranda's answer. She plays on the word *maid*. "But, certainly a *maid*," i e a virgin' In Massinger's *Great Duke of Florence*, III, 1, Sanazarro says to Cozmo 'I have seen a maid, sir, But, if that I have judgement, no such wonder As she was deliver'd to you' If this illustrate the present passage at all, and Gifford thinks it does, it merely shows that the modern interpretation is right —ED.

Fer. My Language? Heauens : 498
I am the best of them that speake this speech,
Were I but where 'tis spoken 500

Pro. How? the best?
What wer't thou if the King of *Naples* heard thee?

Fer. A single thing, as I am now, that wonders
To heare thee speake of *Naples*: he do's heare me,
And that he do's, I weepe my selfe am *Naples*, 505
Who, with mine eyes (neuer since at ebbe) beheld
The King my Father wrack't.

Mir. Alacke, for mercy.

Fer. Yes faith, & all his Lords, the Duke of *Millaine*
And his braue sonne, being twaine. 510

498 [Rising Coll II (MS)

507 *wrack't*] *wreck'd* Han

506 *neuer*] *ne'er* Pope +, Cap

502 *thou*] Throughout the rest of this Scene, as in the opening Scene of *As You Like It*, it is worth while to note the varying moods expressed by the use of 'thou' and 'you'. Skeat's excellent rule (*William of Palerne*, Pref. xlii) should be remembered, that '*Thou* is the language of a lord to a servant, of an equal to an equal, and expresses companionship, love, permission, defiance, scorn, threatening, whilst *ye* is the language of a servant to a lord and of compliment, and further expresses honour, submission, entreaty.'—ABBOTT, § 232, says, furthermore, that a master finding fault often resorts to the unfamiliar *you*, see line 516. Note also the change of address in the Fifth Act, where Prospero reveals himself. At times, however, mere euphony, I think, or the position of the word in the line, appears to have decided the choice.—ED

503 *single*] W A WRIGHT Ferdinand plays upon the word. He believes that himself and the King of Naples are one and the same person, he therefore uses this epithet with a reference to its further sense of *solitary*, and so *feeble and helpless*. Compare *Macb* I, vi, 16.

509, 510 *Duke . sonne*] THEOBALD (ed. II) Here seems a slight forgetfulness in our poet. Nobody was lost in the wreck, and yet we have no such character as the Duke of Milan's son. No doubt in his first plan he had mark'd out such a character, but, on second thought, found it unnecessary.—HALLIWELL was the first to suggest that this difficulty might be attributed to the old play or novel on which this drama is founded.—HOLT is the only one who has attempted to defend the text, which he does lamely. 'If 'tis considered,' observes Holt, 'as an enumeration of some of the highest of the lords, who, with the king, suffered shipwreck, which does not necessarily imply being drown'd, being himself an instance of the contrary, it may very grammatically be referr'd to the king's brave son, meaning himself, who might with great propriety be reckon'd one of his father's lords, tho' with as great good manners he mentions the duke first. And then the sense will be, I am King of Naples myself, who beheld the king, my father, and all his lords wreck'd, his brave son and the Duke of Milan being two of those lords. Shakespeare made

Pro. The Duke of Millaine

511

And his more brauer daughter, could controll thee

If now 'twere fit to do't. At the first fight

They haue chang'd eyes. Delicate *Ariel*,

Ile fet thee free for this. A word good Sir,

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I feare you haue done your selfe some wrong A word

511-515 *The this*] Aside, Wh Dyce
Coll Cam Sta Clke

516 *you haue*] *you've* Pope+, Dyce
11, 111

513-515 *At this*] Aside, Cap

use of this harsh construction for the sake of the antithesis in "son" and "daughter" It does not seem to have occurred to Holt that Ferdinand would scarcely have spoken of himself as a 'brave' young man, or that Ferdinand's living presence was a refutation of the belief that the same fate had overtaken him which he was sure had overtaken his father It is clear that Ferdinand believed himself to be the sole survivor of the wreck, and that the antithesis used by Prospero referred to a son, real or imaginary, of the usurping Milan, and merely for the sake of an antithesis like this it is hardly necessary that an actual character should be supplied and added to the list of *Dramatis Personæ* It is certainly possible that there is here neither an oversight nor a remnant of the older play or novel—STAUNTON, however, thinks otherwise, he suggests (*Athenæum*, 16 Nov 1872) that Francisco is the character here referred to, and that in the list of 'Actors' Names' he should have been styled 'son to the usurping Duke of Milan', but that the editor of the Folio, instead of thus designating him, carelessly coupled him with Adrian as one of the 'Lords' Otherwise we are 'driven to suppose,' says Staunton, 'that, to shorten the representation, the character as delineated by Shakespeare was altogether struck out by the actors, while the allusion to it was inadvertently retained'—ED

512 *more brauer*] For other instances of double comparatives, see ABBOTT, § 11, or Shakespeare, *passim*

512 *controll*] JOHNSON That is, confute thee, unanswerably contradict thee — WALKER (*Crit* 11, 303) has collected eight or ten instances, as late even as in Swift, where 'control' is used in this sense To STAUNTON's question, therefore, whether 'control' be not here a misprint for *console*, DYCE answers emphatically, 'Surely not,' and refers to Johnson and Walker, as just cited

513 *At the first sight*] COLERIDGE (p 88) It is love at first sight, and it appears to me that in all cases of real love it is at one moment that it takes place That moment may have been prepared by previous esteem, admiration, or even affection,—yet love seems to require a momentary act of volition, by which a tacit bond of devotion is imposed,—a bond not to be thereafter broken without violating what should be sacred in our nature How finely is this true Shakespearian scene contrasted with Dryden's vulgar alteration of it, in which a mere ludicrous psychological experiment, as it were, is tried,—displaying nothing but indelicacy without passion Prospero's interruption of the courtship has often seemed to me to have had no sufficient motive, still, his alleged reason, 'Lest too light winning make the prize light,' is enough for the ethereal connections of the romantic imagination, although it would not be so for the historical

516 STEEVENS That is, I fear that in asserting yourself to be the King of Naples you have uttered a falsehood, which is below your character, and consequently injuri

Mir. Why speaks my father so vngently? This 517
Is the third man that ere I saw · the first
That ere I sigh'd for pittie moue my father
To be enclin'd my way 520

Fer. O, if a Virgin,
And your affection not gone forth, Ile make you
The Queene of *Naples*.

Pro. Soft fir, one word more
They are both in eythers pow'rs But this swift bufines 525
I must vneasie make, leaft too light winning
Make the prize light. One word more · I charge thee
That thou attend me: Thou do'st heere vsurpe
The name thou ow'st not, and hast put thy selfe
Vpon this Island, as a spy, to win it 530
From me, the Lord on't.

Fer. No, as I am a man. 532

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| 517-520 [Aside Cap | 526 <i>leaft</i>] <i>left</i> F ₄ et seq |
| 517 <i>vngently</i>] <i>urgently</i> Ff, Johns | 527 <i>One word more</i>] <i>Sir, one word</i> |
| 518 <i>ere I saw</i>] <i>I e'er saw</i> Theob | <i>more</i> Pope+, Cap <i>One word more, sir</i> |
| Warb Johns Steev '85 <i>I saw e'er</i> | Ktly |
| Mal | 527, 528 <i>I me</i>] To Ariel Pope, Han |
| 525-527 [Aside Johns | <i>I charge thee—Dost thou attend me?</i> — |
| 525 <i>They are</i>] <i>They're</i> Pope+, Dyce | Wilson |
| ii, iii | 532 <i>I am</i>] <i>I</i> Rowe ii <i>I'm</i> Pope+, |
| <i>pow'rs</i>] <i>pow'r</i> F ₄ , Rowe+, Wh ii | Dyce ii, iii |

ous to your honour See *Mer Wives*, IV, ii, 161 —KRAUTH (*Phila Sh Soc* p. 21) · Ferdinand, by assuming a name he 'owed' not, and thereby disguising himself, proved that he had come to the island for no good purpose, most probably as a spy and as a usurper, and had thereby done himself the wrong and *injury* of the severe *penalty* which he had incurred —CAMBRIDGE EDITORS See this phrase used in a similar sense in *Meas for Meas* I, ii, 39 —JEPHSON You have done yourself 'some injustice' in making yourself out to be King of Naples —W A WRIGHT A polite way of saying, 'you are much mistaken,' or something plainer still See *Mer Wives*, III, ii, 221

521, 522 For the ellipses here, see ABBOTT, § 387. Also 'if heed me,' II, i, 234

525 both in eythers pow'rs] ABBOTT, § 12: In this passage 'both' seems put for *each*, or 'either' used for *each other* There may, however, be an ellipsis of *each* after 'both' Compare 'A thousand groans Came (one) on another's neck.' —*Sonn* 131 It is natural to conjecture that this is a misprint for *one or others* But compare, 'I think there is not half a kiss to choose Who loves another best.' —*Wans.* T IV, iv, 176

528. attend me] For other examples of the omission of the preposition, see ABBOTT, § 200, again, see § 369, for the subjunctive after verbs of command and *entreasy*, as in 'that they grinde,' IV, i, 286.

Mir Ther's nothing ill, can dwell in such a Temple, 533
 If the ill-spirit haue so fayre a house,
 Good things will striue to dwell with't 535

Pro Follow me

Prof Speake not you for him hee's a Traitor: come,
 Ile manacle thy necke and feete together.
 Sea water shalt thou drinke thy food shall be
 The fresh-brooke Muffels, wither'd roots, and huskes 540
 Wherein the Acorne cradled. Follow.

Fer. No,
 I will refit such entertainment, till
 Mine enemy ha's more pow'r.

He drawes, and is charmed from mouing. 545

Mira. O deere Father,
 Make not too rash a triall of him, for
 Hee's gentle, and not fearfull. 548

534 *a house*] *an house* Rowe +, Steev
 Mal Var

537 *Prof*] Repeated from line 536,
 the last line of preceding page, Ff

[To *Mirand* Johns

537 *not you*] *you not* Rowe II, Pope,
 Han

540 *Muffels*] *Muscles* Rowe. *muscles*
 Johns

547 *rash*] *harsh* Heath

548 *and*] *tho'* Han Quincy MS

533 *can*] For the omission of the relative, see ABBOTT, § 244

535 *with't*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc* p 21) Miranda's thesis is that the breast of Ferdinand is a temple, in which no ill thing or being does or can dwell Her proof is Grant that the *ill* spirit may have originally seized upon the temple as his, *good* things (or good spirits)—recognising it to be rightfully their own—would have expelled the ill spirit and so have held it themselves, to the total exclusion of anything ill (For surely Miranda would spoil her logic by making the good spirits fight for the fair house and succeed only so far as to be *joint tenants* in it with the ill spirit)—Either, therefore, 1 For 'with 't' read *in 't*, or 2 'With' = Lat *apud*, Germ *bey*, Fr *chez*, preposition of *residence in*, of which use no example is known elsewhere

536, 537 *Pro . . Pros*] This division of Prospero's speech is due to a printer's error, line 536 is the last line on one page of the Folio, and line 537 is the first line on the next

548. *gentle, and not fearfull*] WARBURTON. Miranda had frequently beheld Caliban under that kind of discipline with which her father here threatens Ferdinand The *perversity* of Caliban's nature and the *cowardliness* of it made punishment easy to be inflicted Out of tenderness both to her father and her lover she cries, 'he's *gentle*'—not like the *savage* Caliban, and so deserves not punishment, this she gathered from his preceding conversation, 'and not *fearful*,' like that *coward*, and so is not to be easily managed. This she collected from his drawing his sword —HOLT In five words Shakespeare has expressed all the tender fear that duty and a growing

Prof. What I say,
My foote my Tutor? Put thy sword vp Traitor, 550

550 *foote*] *fool* Walker, Dyce II, III, Huds *fool* Bulloch

affection could show, 'He's gentle,' and therefore ought not to be ill treated, 'and not fearful,' and therefore it may be dangerous to attempt it—CAPEI I (62a) The 'trial' spoken of by Miranda can be no other but one suggested by sight of Ferdinand's 'sword,' and very nature demands that her first fears upon the occasion should be for her 'father', hence the epithet 'rash,' importing disparity between the threaten'd and threat'ner, the odds lying against the latter, and that the *gentleness* of the former, collected from his behaviour, might not encourage to *trial*, there is added 'but not fearful,' suppressing the other matter, and leaving it to his collection she speaks to Read, therefore, as above, dismissing the copulative—RITSON Do not rashly determine to treat him with severity, he is *mild and harmless*, and not in the least *terrible* or *dangerous*—STEEVENS 'Fearful' signifies both *terrible* and *timorous*—MALONE 'Fearful' was much more frequently used in the sense of *formidable* than that of *timorous*—SMOLLETT (*Humphrey Clinker*, II, 182, quoted by REED) How have your commentators been puzzled by [this passage] as if it was a paralogism to say that being *gentle*, he must of course be *courageous*, but the truth is, one of the original meanings, if not the sole meaning, of that word was *noble, high minded*, and to this day a Scotch woman in the situation of the young lady in *The Tempest* would express herself in nearly the same terms Don't provoke him, for, being *gentle*, that is, *high spirited*, he won't tamely bear an insult Spenser, in the very first stanza of the *Faerie Queene*, says 'A *gentle* knight was pricking o'er the plain,' which knight, far from being *tame* and *fearful*, was so stout that 'Nothing did he dread, but ever was ydrad'—STAUNTON believes this interpretation of Smollett to be the true one 'he is of a *lofty spirit* and not to be intimidated'—W A WRIGHT The natural sense of these words is conveyed by taking 'fearful' to mean 'capable of inspiring fear, terrible,' although there may also be a covert play upon the other significations both of 'gentle' and 'fearful' In this case 'gentle' must be regarded as equivalent to 'of gentle birth,' 'high-born,' and in a secondary sense high-spirited and dangerous to provoke But the word is nowhere used by Shakespeare in this secondary sense [To me the simplest meaning, as given by Ritson, is here the best Miranda has just said that there could be nothing ill in such a temple, and she now says, as a sequence, that he is gentle and not terrible, using both 'gentle' and 'fearful' in their usual acceptations.—ED]

550 *foote my Tutor*] MALONE Compare Lyly's *Euphues* (p 261, ed Arber) Then how vaine is it that the foote should neglect his office to correct the face'—WALKER (*Crit* III, 3) Read *fool* Was it a proverb? B and Fl *Pilgrim*, IV, II 'When fools and mad folks shall be tutors to me, And feel my sores, yet I unsensible,' &c—BR NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 5th S, XI, 363) Compare the First Part of *Homily* xxxiii, Against Disobedience and Wilful Rebellion,—a sermon which Shakespeare had probably heard or read more than once, 'what a perilous thing were it to commit unto the Subjects the judgement which Prince is wise and godly and which is otherwise, as though the foot must judge of the head'—p. 355, ed. Oxf 1683 Again (*N & Qu* 6th S VIII, 242) Nicholson cites another parallel passage, viz 'the cleane foolles of this world are pattern'd . . . that the braine is now lodged in the foote, and thereupon comes it that many make their head their foote'—Armin's

Who mak'ft a fhew, but dar'ft not ftrike : thy confcience 551

Is fo poffeft with guilt Come, from thy ward,

For I can heere difarme thee with this fticke,

And make thy weapon drop

Mira. Befeech you Father 555

Prof. Hence · hang not on my garments.

Mira Sir haue pity,

Ile be his furety.

Prof. Silence One word more

Shall make me chide thee, if not hate thee : What, 560

An aduocate for an Impoftor ? Hufh ·

Thou think'ft there is no more fuch fhapes as he,

(Hauing feene but him and *Caliban* :) Foolifh wench,

To th'moft of men, this is a *Caliban*,

And they to him are Angels. 565

Mira. My affections

Are then moft humble I haue no ambition

To fee a goodlier man.

Prof. Come on, obey ·

Thy Nerues are in their infancy againe. 570

551 *mak'ft*] *makes* Ff

552 *Is fo*] *Is* Ff, Rowe *Is all* Pope,
Han

Come, from] *Come from* Ff et seq

553 *heere*] *hear* F₃

556 *garments*] *garment* Rowe 11 +

562 *there is*] Ff, Dyce, Cam Glo
Wrt, Wh 11, Dtn *there are* Rowe et
cet

564 *To th'*] *To the* Cap

Nest of Ninnies, 1608, p 56, ed Grosart Still again (*New Sh Soc Trans* 1880-2, Part 1, p 31) the same critic cites 'goe tell the Duke I must speake with him *Manasses* Presently Sir, [*Aside*] Ile go fetch the head to giue the foote a posset' —*Day's Ile of Gulls*, 1606, Sig B 2 'From these examples,' concludes Nicholson, 'we may, I think, infer that this attacked phraseology was both understood and known'—KINNEAR (p 10) Read '*thy* tutor!' that is, I can command thee with my foot [*Stamps his foot*] [Few instances can show better how completely Dyce was under the influence of Walker, an admirable influence, it is to be confessed, if it be not supreme, than this, where, on the authority of only one quotation, barely germane at that, the elder and more cautious editor surrendered his judgement to the younger critic Schlegel's translation is noteworthy 'will das Ey die Henne meistern,'—shall the egg rule the hen? W A WRIGHT cites, appositely, 'show lord Timon that mean eyes have seen The foot above the head,'—*Timon*, I, 1, 94, and adds, compare in the same sense, though with a play upon the word 'base,' Fletcher, *Woman Pleased*, I, 1, 'If thy base will be thy master'—ED]

552 *ward*] JOHNSON. Desist from any hope of awing me by that posture of defence

562 *there is*] See I, 1, 24.

And haue no vigour in them 571

Fer. So they are.

My spirits, as in a dreame, are all bound vp.
My Fathers losse, the weaknesse which I feele,
The wracke of all my friends, nor this mans threats, 575

To whom I am subdude, are but light to me,
Might I but through my prison once a day
Behold this Mayd · all corners else o'th'Earth
Let liberty make vse of: space enough
Haue I in such a prison. 580

Prof. It workes: Come on
Thou hast done well, fine *Ariell*: follow me,
Harke what thou else shalt do mee.

Mira Be of comfort,
My Fathers of a better nature (Sir) 585

Then he appeares by speech this is vnwonted
Which now came from him

Prof. Thou shalt be as free
As mountaine windes; but then exactly do
All points of my command. 590

575 *nor*] *and* Rowe +, Ktly, Huds
or Cap Steev Mal. Var Knt, Sing *may*
Ktly conj *now* Wagner (Jhrb xiv)
576 *are*] *were* Theob Warb Johns

576 *but*] Om Cartwright, Huds.
581 *It workes*] As an Aside Cap
582 [To Ariel Theob
588 [To Ariel Han

570 *Nerues*] Cotgrave, cited by WRIGHT, has 'Nerf. A Synnow, (and thence, might, strength, force, power)'

573 *as in a dreame*] WRIGHT refers to Virgil, *Aeneid*, xii, 908-912. 'Ac veluti in somnis,' &c

575 *nor*] W A WRIGHT. 'Nor' is used inaccurately where *and* or *or* would be in place. The origin of the error is probably a confusion of two constructions, Shakespeare intending perhaps at first to employ some such word as *heavy*, and then substituting 'but light.' It is analogous to the use of the double negative [It may be, possibly, an instance of the not infrequent omission of *neither* before 'nor' (for examples see ABBOTT, § 396), and 'but' is used in the sense of *otherwise than*, just as Hamlet says, 'It cannot be *but* I am pigeon-liver'd' Neither the wreck of my friends nor this man's threats are otherwise than light to me, &c — Ed]

578 STEEVENS quotes a passage, corresponding in meaning and in charm, from Chaucer, *Knight's Tale*, line 1230

586 *by speech*] GREY's emendation (1, 15) of '*by*'s speech for *by his*' is clearly right, it is a common case of absorption. Miranda, moreover, refers to her father's speech on this special occasion, not to his speech in general — Ed

Ariell To th'fyllable

591

Prof. Come follow · speake not for him *Exeunt.*

Actus Secundus. Scæna Prima

*Enter Alonso, Sebastian, Anthomo, Gonzalo, Adrian,
Francisco, and others*

Gonz. Befeech you Sir, be merry; you haue cause,
(So haue we all) of ioy, for our escape
Is much beyond our losse, our hint of woe
Is common, euery day, some Saylors wife,
The Masters of some Merchant, and the Merchant

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| 591. To th'] To the Cap | 8 Masters] master Johns Cap Steev |
| 2 Another Part of the Island Pope | '85, Walker, Dyce 11, 111, Huds Dtn |
| 6 hint] stint Warb dint Weston, | master's Cam 1 conj Ktly manners |
| Bulloch | Bulloch |
| 7 common,] common, Pope | some Merchant] some vessel Ktly |

5 KEIGHTLEY (*Expositor*, p 210) I make the transposition 'you have cause of joy, —so have we all' boldly, for surely neither Shakespeare nor any other writer would put a parenthesis between a noun and its genitive Gonzalo is speaking quite calmly. We have an exactly similar printer's error in 'Add more, from thine invention, offers' —*Ant & Cleop* III, 10

6 hint] See I, 11, 157 JOHNSON 'Hint' is that which recalls to the memory The cause that fills our minds with grief is common [When Warburton submitted his far-fetched *stint* to Theobald, the latter mildly reminded him (Nichols's *Illust* 11, 244) that in many passages Shakespeare uses 'hint' for *argument, theme, cue*, &c, wherein Theobald was exactly right COLIER says, 'Gonzalo seems to call it a "hint of woe," in reference to its comparative triflingness and ordinary occurrence,' which, I think, is doubtful M H (*Gent Maga* Apr 1790) proposes *hin*, a Hebrew measure, and WESTON (p 1) 'makes no doubt but that it was once our *dint* of woe, that is, the impression of woe upon us is common and ordinary' —ED

8. Masters of some Merchant] STEEVENS If the passage be not corrupt (as I suspect it is) we must suppose that by 'masters' our author means the *owners* of a merchant's ship, or the *officers* to whom the navigation of it had been trusted I suppose, however, that our author wrote, 'The *mistress* of some merchant' *Mistress* was anciently spelt *maistresse* or *maistres* —CHALMERS (*Apology*, p 589) I presume to think Shakespeare intended it should be understood 'The master of some merchant-man, the merchant', Shakespeare was thinking, in the concrete form, of the sailor's wife, not *wives*, of the merchant, not *merchants*; and if propriety require that we should continue his concatenation of thought, we must say *the master* of some *merchant-man*, not *masters* of some *merchant-men* *Merchant-man* was misprinted 'merchant and' [In a foot-note Chalmers acknowledges that he cannot find authority for *merchant-man* in the nautical language of the day, but he attributes the cor-

Haue iust our Theame of woe But for the miracle,
 (I meane our preferuation) few in millions 10
 Can speake like vs then wifely (good Sir) weigh
 Our sorrow, with our comfort
Alonſ Prethee peace 13

pound to the genius of Shakespeare, who 'improved, with his usual happiness, the existing phraseology']—MALONE *Merchant* was used for a *merchant-man* So, Dryden, in his *Parallel of Poetry and Painting*, 'Thus as convoy-ships either accompany or should accompany their merchants'—*Piose Works*, 1801, III, 306—KEIGHTLEY The word 'merchant' occurs here in two different senses, and when this play was written Shakespeare had long since abstained from such practices One of them, therefore, must belong to the printer, if the first, then we might, and, I think, should, read *vessel*, if the second, *owner* 'Merchant' certainly occurs in the sense of merchantman See B and F1 *Coxcomb*, I, III [p 132, ed Dyce]—HALLIWELL (p 31) quotes from *The Lover's Melancholy*, 'A young lady was conveyed like a ship-boy in a merchant, from the country where she lived'—[II, I, p 36, ed Dyce, who remarks in a foot-note 'This is the expression which so greatly perplexed Steevens, who has made woeful work with it in *The Tempest*']—W A WRIGHT adds another example, from Marlowe, *First Part of Tamburlaine*, I, II [p 27, ed Dyce], 'And Christian merchants, that with Russian stems Plough up huge furrows in the Caspian Sea, Shall vail to us,' &c

9 of woe] STEEVENS These words appear to me as an idle interpolation Three lines before we have 'our hint of woe'—DYCE agrees with Steevens—STAUNTON (*Athenæum*, 16 Nov 1872) The iteration of 'woe' here is intolerable, and is due, no doubt, to the appearance of the word three lines above Should we not read 'of grief'?

13-105 POPE All that follows after the words 'Prethee peace' to the words 'You cram these words,' &c seems to have been interpolated (perhaps by the Players), the verses there beginning again, and all that is between in prose, not only being very impertinent stuff, but most improper and ill-plac'd drollery in the mouths of unhappy, shipwreckt people There is more of the same sort interspers'd in the remaining part of the Scene—THEOBALD had the temerity, for which he paid dearly enough, to pronounce 'Mr Pope's criticism injudicious and unweigh'd,' by showing that, without this passage, the reference to the marriage of Alonso's daughter 'there' would be unintelligible, and that the 'dialogue was design'd to be of a ridiculous stamp to divert and unsettle the king's thoughts from reflecting too deeply on his son's suppos'd drowning'—CAPELL. Pope's charges 'lye against [the passage] most certainly almost beyond palliating but of it's authenticity, we have other-guess evidence, and in that very speech first, which, according to this opinion, should follow the present speech For what can be made without it (as is said by the next modern [i e Theobald]) of that wish which begins in his second line, by readers who, but in what intervenes, have heard nothing of any "daughter" he has, or where she's "married" to? The condemn'd passage is not without other proofs of authenticity, but this one is sufficient And in case of what is objected to it, it may be observ'd,—that the levities of Sebastian and partner open to us their characters, and prepare us for what is coming, showing them nothing touch'd with their own and their king's deliverance, and their common condition, and their behaviour on this

Seb. He receiues comfort like cold porridge.

Ant. The Visitor will not giue him ore fo. 15

Seb. Looke, hee's winding vp the watch of his wit,

By and by it will strike.

Gon. Sir.

Seb. One Tell.

Gon. When euerie greefe is entertaind, 20
That's offer'd comes to th'entertainer.

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| 14-49 Crossed out by Coll MS | 19 One] On Ff, Rowe, Pope, Han |
| 15 Visitor] adviser Han 'viser Warb | 20, 21 When offer'd] One line, Cap |
| adversary Quincy MS | As prose, Pope |
| him] Om Rowe + | 21 offer'd] offer'd, Pope + offer'd, |
| 16, 17 As prose, Pope | Cap |
| 18. Sir] Sir,— Theob | entertainer] entertainer— Rowe |

occasion sets off and heightens the love, loyalty, and sobriety of the other parties attending, and chiefly Gonzalo's '—HOLT refers to lines 178-185 of this Scene, and then asks 'Who does not see this evidently satirizes that fault for which the poet has been so often unjustly upbraided?'—JEFFSON No poet of genius inferior to Shakespeare's would have ventured to introduce so comic a scene in circumstances so tragical It is indeed true to life, but it would not have occurred to any one who had not observed the apparent inconsistency of human nature Men of noble disposition and of high birth and breeding can be cheerful and even witty under misfortunes that would bow inferior natures to the earth, as, for instance, Cæsar among the Cilician pirates, Sir Thomas More on the scaffold, and Lord Balmernoch in the Tower, but to make unfeeling jests upon better men, while it argues perhaps the daring spirit which is fostered by high rank, is the part of the reckless and the wicked, such as were Sebastian, who soon after plots to murder his brother, and Antonio, who had abused his brother Prospero's confidence to dethrone him [See Coleridge, note on line 207]

15 Visitor] JOHNSON Why Dr Warburton should change 'visitor' to 'viser, for *adviser*, I cannot discover Gonzalo gives not only advice but comfort, and is therefore properly called 'the visitor,' like others who visit the sick or distressed to give them consolation In some of the Protestant churches there is a kind of officers termed consolators for the sick [Compare *Matthew* xxv, 36 'I was sick and ye visited me']

16, &c COLERIDGE (p 89) In this play are admirably sketched the vices generally accompanying a low degree of civilisation, in this Scene, as in many other places, Shakespeare has shown the tendency in bad men to indulge in scorn and contemptuous expressions as a mode of getting rid of their own uneasy feelings of inferiority to the good, and also, by making the good ridiculous, of rendering the transition of others to wickedness easy Shakespeare never puts habitual scorn into the mouths of other than bad men, as here in the instances of Antonio and Sebastian

17 strike] W A WRIGHT The invention of striking watches is ascribed to Peter Hele, of Nuremberg, about the year 1510.

19 Tell] That is, count. PHILLPOTTS Compare 'the tale of bricks,' &c 'Every shepherd tells his tale' So *Psalms* xlviii, 12 'Tell ye the towers thereof'; and the tellers of a division in Parliament [and the 'paying teller' of a bank]

Seb A dollor. 22

Gon Dolour comes to him indeed, you haue spoken truer then you purpos'd.

Seb You haue taken it wifelier then I meant you should. 25

Gon. Therefore my Lord.

Ant Fie, what a spend-thrift is he of his tongue.

Alon I pre-thee spare

Gon Well, I haue done: But yet 30

Seb. He will be talking

Ant. Which, of he, or Adrian, for a good wager, 32

22 *dollor*] *dollar* Cap et seq

24 *purpos'd*] *propos'd* Rowe 11, Pope,
Han Theob Warb *he propos'd* Han 11
(misprint?)

27 *Lord*] *lord*—Theob

28 *is he*] *he is* Han 11, Steev '85

29 *spare*] *spare me* Walker, Huds

32 *Which, of he,*] F₂F₃ *Which of he,*
F₄, Rowe 1 *Which of them, he,* Rowe
11+, Cap Steev Mal Var Coll 1 *Which,*
or he Coll 11, 111 (MS) *Which of him*
and S Verges

32, 33 As prose, Pope

21. *entertainer*] JEPHSON At this point Sebastian, taking advantage of the equivocal meaning of 'entertain' and 'entertamer,' and pretending to suppose that Gonzalo means by 'entertainer' an *inn-keeper*, interrupts him by saying 'A dollar'

23 *Dolour*] In two other places, according to Schmidt's *Lex*, there are similar puns on these words, *Meas for Meas* I, 11, 50, and *Lear*, II, 14, 54

32 *Which, of he, or*] STAUNTON See *Mid N D* III, 11, 337, 'try whose right, Of thine or mine, is most in Helena'—WALKER (*Crit* 11, 353), in a paragraph on the use of *former*, the comparative to which *foremost* is the superlative, quotes this passage from Sidney's *Arcadia*, B 1, p 63 'the question arising, who should be the former against Phalantus, of the blacke, or the ill-apparell'd knight,' &c, '1 e.' explains Walker, 'whether the black or the, &c should be the first to wage combat with Phalantus' Whereupon LETTSOM, Walker's editor, remarks that this example 'shows that the first Folio is right in *Which of he or*'—PHILA SH SOC Like the French *Lequel préférez-vous de Corneille ou de Racine*.—ABBOTT, § 206, says of this passage merely 'he for *him*' In V, 1, 19 we have '*him*' for *he*

32-41 M MASON The meaning is this Antonio lays a wager with Sebastian that Adrian would crow before Gonzalo, and the wager was a laughter Adrian speaks first, so Antonio is the winner Sebastian laughs at what Adrian had said, and Antonio immediately acknowledges that by his laughing he has paid the bet '*You'r* paid' [of the Folio, instead of '*You've* paid'] will answer as well if these words be given to Sebastian [as Theobald had given them] instead of to Antonio—KNIGHT followed the Folio, although agreeing with Theobald, that '*you're* paid' belongs to Sebastian—GRANT WHITE (ed 1) Antonio won the wager, and was paid by having the laugh against Sebastian The prefixes were misplaced in the Folio. [White, in the text of this, his first ed, prefixes *Ant* to l 40 and *Seb* to l 41] It did not occur (he goes on to say) to those who proposed that both speeches should be given to Sebastian [among whom was White himself, in his second edition] that he

First begins to crow ?

33

Seb The old Cocke

Ant The Cockrell.

35

Seb Done . The wager ?

Ant A Laughter.

Seb. A match

Adr. Though this Island seeme to be desert.

Seb Ha, ha, ha.

40

Ant So . you'r paid

Adr. Uninhabitable, and almost inaccessible.

Sib Yet

Adr Yet

Ant He could not misse't.

45

Adr. It must needs be of subtle, tender, and delicate

temperance

Ant *Temperance* was a delicate wench

Seb. I, and a subtle, as he most learnedly deliuer'd.

Adr. The ayre breathes vpon vs here most sweetly.

50

Seb As if it had Lungs, and rotten ones

Ant. Or, as 'twere perfum'd by a Fen.

Gon Heere is euery thing aduantageous to life.

Ant True, faue meanes to liue

54

39 *desert*] *desert*—Rowe *desart*—
Han

41 *you'r*] *you've* Cap Steev Mal
Var

40, 41 One line, spoken by Seb Theob
Warb Johns Hal Dyce, Cam Glo Sta
Ktly, Huds Dtn

42 *inaccesible*] *inaccessible*—Rowe
45 *misse't*] *miss it* Mal

who lost the wager was of course not to laugh, but to be laughed at, according to the old proverb 'Let them laugh that win'—BR. NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 3d S ix, 27), anticipated by Grant White in this transposition of names, paraphrases 'Ha, ha' laughs Antonio, gleeful at having backed the right As you have taken the laugh, says Sebastian, you may keep it in payment'—KRAUTH (*Phila Sh Soc* p 24) Theobald's text should stand, on the ground, that Antonio had won the laugh at Sebastian's expense, but Sebastian pretends to take it as if he were to pay by laughing at Antonio —INGLEBY (*Still Lion*, 157) 'Laughter' may be the cant name for some small coin (a doit or a denier) commonly *laid* in betting At present the only meaning of the word (*laughter, lafter, lawter*) is a setting of eggs laid at one time

45 *misse't*] HUNTER (*Longman's Series*): That is, 'yet' was sure to be the next word [Is not 'misse' here used as Prospero uses it when he says of Caliban, 'we cannot misse him,' I, ii, 368? Uninhabitable as this island is, neither Adrian nor the rest could do without it just then —ED]

47 *temperance*] SIEEVENS: That is, temperature, in the next line it is a proper name

Seb. Of that there's none, or little

55

Gon. How lush and lusty the grass looks?

How green?

Ant. The ground indeed is tawny.

Seb. With an eye of green in't

Ant. He misses not much

60

Seb. No, he doth but mistake the truth totally.

Gon. But the variety of it is, which is indeed almost beyond credit.

Seb. As many voucht varieties are.

Gon. That our Garments being (as they were) drencht in the Sea, hold notwithstanding their fiefhneffe and glosses, being rather new dy'de then stain'd with false water

65

68

56 *lush*] *fresh* Wilson

56, 57 One line, Pope

61 *doth*] *does* Rowe 11+

62, 64 *rarity* *varieties*] *rarity*

rarity F₃F₄

63 *credit*] *credit*—Rowe

67 *glosses*] *gloss* Jervis, Dyce 11, 111, Huds

56 *lush*] MALONE That is, *juicy, succulent*, as appears from the following in Golding's *Ovid*, 1587, *Met* xv 'Then green, and voyd of strength, and lush, and foggy, is the blade, And cheeres the husbandman with hope' [p 189], where the original is 'Tunc herba recens, et roboris exers, Turget, et insolida est, et spe dilectat agrestem'—DIRRILL If we might read *lush*, it would then signify *gramen pingue*—DEIGHTON Skeat (s v *luscious*) having observed that Chaucer uses the M E *lusty* (which with the suffix *ous* becomes *lusty ous* and so *luscious*) in the sense of *pleasant, delicious*, goes on 'Shakespeare has *lush* (short for *lusty ous*) in the sense of luxuriant in growth, where Chaucer would certainly have said *lusty*, the curious result being that Shakespeare uses both words together. The equivalence of the words could not be better exemplified'

59 *eye of green*] STEEVENS An 'eye' is a small shade of colour Thus, in Sandys's *Travels*, lib 1 'His under an upper garments are lightly of white sattin, or cloth of silver tissued with and eye of green, and wrought in great branches' [p 57, ed 1615]—MALONE 'Eye' was anciently used for a small portion of anything So in *A True Declaration of the Estate of the Colonie in Virginia*, 1600, p 44 'Not an eye of sturgeon as yet appeared in the river'—HUNTER (*Longman's Series*) Here intended to include a quibbling reference to green-eyed credulity or simplicity—PHILLPOTTS The jesting pair mean that the grass is really tawny (*tanned, dried up*), and that the only 'green' spot in it is Gonzalo himself

66. *freshnesse*] PHILASH Soc This is plural Walker's rule (*Vers* p 243) here applies The plural affix is sometimes added in the First Folio where the metre shows that it is not to be pronounced, and it is sometimes omitted in printing where the sense requires it to be supplied [I now doubt whether Walker's rule applies here If it applies, I think we should have had *gloss* instead of 'glosses' Dyce, who was quite as ready as anyone to apply Walker's rule, failed to see its present application See next note —ED]

Ant. If but one of his pockets could speake, would
it not fay he lyes? 70

Seb. I, or very falsely pocket vp his report

Gon. Me thinkes our garments are now as freshe as
when we put them on first in Affricke, at the marriage
of the kings faire daughter *Claribel* to the king of *Tunis*.

Seb. 'Twas a sweet marriage, and we prosper well in
our returne 75

Adri. *Tunis* was neuer grac'd before with such a Pa-
ragon to their Queene

Gon. Not since widdow *Dido's* time.

Ant. Widow? A pox o'that how came that Wid-
dow in? Widdow *Dido*! 80

Seb. What if he had said Widdower *Aeneas* too?
Good Lord, how you take it?

Adri. Widdow *Dido* said you? You make me study
of that She was of *Carthage*, not of *Tunis*. 85

Gon. This *Tunis* Sir was *Carthage*.

Adri. *Carthage*? *Gon.* I assure you *Carthage*.

Ant. His word is more then the miraculous Harpe

Seb. He hath rais'd the wall, and houses too. 89

88, 89 *His too*] Given to Seb Cam 1, Glo Kily, Wh 11, Dtn

67 glosses] DYCE (eds 11, 111) This is manifestly an error for the old spelling of the singular, *glosse* (which the Folio has in *Macb* I, vii 'in their newest glosse') This correction was suggested to me by Mr Swynfen Jervis

69 pockets] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) Not that there was anything in the state of the pockets, in particular, to give the lie to Gonzalo's assertion of a universal dryness, but because the pocket, at its opening, looked like a *mouth*, and was therefore qualified to be the spokesman for the whole of the garment—DEIGHTON In the drenching his pockets would have become so full of mud, &c that they would give the lie to Gonzalo's remark Antonio's remark is probably made for the sake of bringing in the quibble in Sebastian's answer [Neither of these explanations carries conviction, albeit Deighton's last remark points to a practice in which we all know Shakespeare indulged, in his humorous dialogues—ED]

78 to their Queene] See III, iii, 75, 'hath to instrument,' or *Luke* iii, 8 'We have Abraham to our father,' or for other examples, see ABBOTT, § 189

81 Widdow Dido] RITSON (p 236) has a note to show that a ballad called 'Queene Dido' was a 'great favourite with the common people'

85 of that] For other examples of this use, where 'of' means *about, concerning* see ABBOTT, § 174

88, 89 PHILLPOTTS. If Gonzalo makes Carthage and Tunis into *one* city, his word has more power than Amphion's harp, which raised the walls of Thebes—Or, as W.

Ant. What impossible matter wil he make eafy next? 90

Seb I thinke hee will carry this Island home in his pocket, and giue it his sonne for an Apple

Ant And fowing the kernels of it in the Sea, bring forth more Islands

Gon I. *Ant.* Why in good time 95

Gon. Sir, we were talking, that our garments seeme now as fresh as when we were at *Tunis* at the marriage of your daughter, who is now Queene

Ant And the rarest that ere came there

Seb Bate (I beseech you) widdow *Dido*. 100

Ant O Widdow *Dido*? I, Widdow *Dido*.

Gon. Is not Sir my doublet as fresh as the first day I wore it? I meane in a fort

Ant That fort was well fish'd for. 104

95 [To Adr C Clke

I *Ay* Rowe *I*—Johns *Ay*?
Cap Given to Alon Sta Dyce II, III,
Huds (who reads *Ah*!) Hunter, Dtn

95 [To Adr Clke

96 [To Alon Clke
102 *Sir my doublet*] *my doublet Sir*
Ff, Rowe+.

A WRIGHT says, 'the reference may be to the harp of Apollo, which raised the walls of Troy'

95 I] STAUNTON This sigh or exclamation, which the two next speeches show indisputably to have been uttered by the king upon awaking from his trance of grief, has, hitherto, been assigned to Gonzalo [See Text Notes]—W A WRIGHT But it seems appropriate to Gonzalo, who is not quite certain what these running comments of Sebastian and Antonio mean, and makes a half-enquiring exclamation—COWDEN-CLARKE We take this to be said by Gonzalo in confirmation of his assurance to Adrian of Tunis being Carthage The speakers are to be supposed as arranged in two separate groups Gonzalo engaged with King Alonso and the rest, while Sebastian and Antonio remain apart together, commenting sneeringly on the others

96 talking, that] ABBOTT, § 200 here used like *saying that*

104 That sort] DIRRILL This is an example of Mr Whiter's doctrine of association Any person who has ever observed the fishermen drawing their nets will readily see that the words 'sort' and 'fresh' in Gonzalo's speech convey'd the idea to Shakespeare of making Antonio say 'well fish'd for' When the net is drawn, the fish are always, what they term, *sorted*, some are thrown back again into the water, and other are carried *sorted* to market—HUNTER (*Longman's Series*) There is here a punning allusion to *chance* or *luck* as one of the meanings of the word 'sort' HUDSON A punning allusion, probably, to one of the meanings of 'sort,' which was *lot* or *portion*; from the Latin *sors*—PHILPOTTS You did well to qualify your statement by 'in a sort', 'fished for,' of course, having the double meaning of 'bringing in the word' and 'recovering,' in allusion to his ducking—DEIGHTON You fished a long time before you succeeded in catching that word 'sort', you have

Gon When I wore it at your daughters marriage. 105

Alon You cram these words into mine eares, againſt
the ſtomacke of my ſenſe . would I had neuer
Married my daughter there For comming thence
My ſonne is loſt, and (in my rate) ſhe too,
Who is ſo faire from *Italy* remoued, 110
I ne're againe ſhall ſee her . O thou mine heire
Of *Naples* and of *Millaime*, what ſtrange fiſh
Hath made his meale on thee ?

Fran. Sir he may liue,
I ſaw him beate the ſurges vnder him, 115
And ride vpon their backes ; he trod the water
Whoſe enmity he flung aſide : and breſted
The ſurge moſt ſwolne that met him his bold head
'Boue the contentious waues he kept and oared
Himſelfe with his good armes in luſty ſtroke 120
To th'ſhore , that ore his waue-worne bafis bowed
As ſtooping to releeue him I not doubt 122

114 Fran] Gon Rann conj
120 *Stroke*] *Strokes* F₄, Rowe +

122 *releue*] *releue* Ktly conj

repeatedly tried to make out that our garments are as fresh as if they had never been immersed in the sea, and now at last you qualify your assertion by the word 'sort'. In 'fished' there is possibly an allusion also to their difficulty in fishing themselves out of the water.

107 *sense*] STEEVENS That is, both *reason and natural affection* — MONCK MASON In this place 'sense' means *feeling* — W. A. WRIGHT But surely Alonzo only intends to say that these words of Gonzalo are forced into his ears without his wishing to hear them, as food is crammed into the mouth of one who has no desire to eat.

109 *rate*] Estimation, opinion See I, ii, 110

114 *Fran*] KINNEAR (p. 11) refers to ll. 251-255, where Gonzalo is spoken of as having 'almost persuaded the king his son's alive,' as proof that this present speech should be given to Gonzalo, 'who alone gave utterance to such a belief'. At the end of the scene he again says, "For he [Ferdinand] is sure 'r' the island." Francisco, a mere attendant, does not speak during the scene, and utters only three words during the entire play, III, iii, 55, and those probably belong to Antonio.

115-123 It is difficult, if not impossible, to believe that Shakespeare wrote these lines, in which there seems to be but one trace of him, and that is 'oared'. I cannot but think that, if anywhere, we have a survival of the old play here — ED.

119 *oared*] Compare Milton, *Par. Lost*, vii, 438 "—the swan, with arched neck Between her white wings mantling proudly, rows Her state with oary feet," whereupon PECK (*Memoirs*, &c. p. 184) observes. "'Oarie,'" a new-made word, but none of our author's mintage. He owes it to Shakespeare's [*Tempest*].

He came alieue to Land 123
Alon No, no, hee's gone
Seb Sir you may thank your felfe for this great loffe, 125
 That would not blesse our Europe with your daughter,
 But rather loofe her to an Affrican,
 Where fhe at leaft, is banifh'd from your eye,
 Who hath caufe to wet the greefe on't.
Alon Pre-thee peace 130
Seb. You were kneel'd too, & importun'd otherwise
 By all of vs: and the faire foule her felfe
 Waigh'd betweene loathneffe, and obedience, at
 Which end o'th'beame fhould bow. we haue loft your
 I feare for euer: *Millaine* and *Naples* haue (fon, 135

127 *loofe*] *lose* Rowe viii, 504)
 129 *wet*] *whet* Rann conj *weigh* 134 *should*] *she'd* Cap corj Mal
 Wilson Steev Knt, Coll 1, Hal Sing Wh
 133 *Waigh'd*] *Swayed* S Verges Dyce, Sta C Clke
at] *as* Coll 11 (M5), Om Ktly *we haue*] *we've* Pope+, Dyce 11,
 134 *o'th'*] *the* Rowe 11+, Cap Steev 111
 '85, Ktly *o'th'* Spence (N & Qu V,

122 not doubt] See 'the ewe not bites,' V, 1, 45, 'I not know,' Ib line 128, 'I not doubt,' Ib line 357, or ABBOTT, § 305

129 Who] For instances of *who* personifying irrational antecedents, see Shakespeare, *passim*, or, if necessary, ABBOTT, § 264 In the present case 'who' may refer either to 'eye' or 'she'

131 You were] WALKER (*Crit* 11, 202) *Thou wert* (sometimes written in the old poets *Th'wert*), *you were*, *I was*, &c occur frequently both in Shakespeare and contemporary dramatists in places where it is clear they must have been pronounced as one syllable, in whatever manner the contraction was effected [As in the present instance See also *Ham* IV, v, 14, *Oth* I, 11, 34, *Mer of Ven* II, viii, 36, of this ed.—ED.]

134 should bow] CAPELL (63*a*) You may read '*she'd* bow,' i e she would bow, in which reading *bow* is a verb reciprocal, in either '*weigh'd*' will have the sense of—consider'd, ponder'd, was a long time ere she could determine [Malone has always received the credit of this emendation, even the Third Cambridge Edition ascribes it to him Indeed, so often does the toe of Malone come close to the heel of Capell, that it is almost impossible to believe that Malone was ignorant of his predecessor's presence]—COLLIER (ed 11) follows his MS in changing '*at*,' in the preceding line, to *as*, and then observes 'The meaning is now clear that she balanced between lothness and obedience, *as* to which end of the beam should bow down—ABBOTT, § 400 In this line either *she* is omitted, or '*should*' is for *she would*, or '*o*' has been inserted by mistake—W A WRIGHT The text is probably correct, *it* being omitted, as is not uncommonly the case in Shakespeare. See ABBOTT, §§ 399, 404 The antecedent of this omitted *it*, is the balancing or indecision of *Clanbel* described in the preceding line [I incline to think that Capell's solution is the best after all—ED.]

Mo widdowes in them of this busineffe making, 136
 Then we bring men to comfort them
 The faults your owne
Alon So is the deer'ft oth'loffe
Gon My Lord *Sebastian*, 140
 The truth you speake doth lacke some gentleneffe,
 And time to speake it in . you rub the fore,
 When you should bring the plaister.
Seb. Very well *Ant.* And most Chirurgeonly.
Gon. It is foule weather in vs all, good Sir, 145
 When you are cloudy.
Seb. Fowle weather? *Ant* Very foule. 147

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| 136 <i>Mo</i>] <i>More</i> Rowe | 139 <i>oth'</i>] of the Han Mal Steev |
| 137 <i>them</i>] <i>them</i> <i>withal</i> Anon (ap | Var Knt, Coll Hal Sing |
| Grey) | 139, 140 One line, Cap |
| 137, 138 <i>Then faults</i>] One line, | 142 <i>time to</i>] <i>th' time you</i> Han |
| Han Steev Mal Coll | 147-150 Crossed out, Coll MS |
| One line, Cap | |

136 *Mo*] W A WRIGHT This is of frequent occurrence in the *Authorised Version*, but is changed to *more* in modern editions See *Numbers* xxii, 15, 'And Balak sent yet againe Princes, moe, and more honourable than they'

137. *Then we bring*] JOHNSON It does not clearly appear whether the king and these lords thought the ship lost This passage seems to imply that they were themselves confident of returning, but imagined part of the fleet destroyed Why, indeed, should Sebastian plot against his brother in the following Scene, unless he knew how to find the kingdom he was to inherit?

137, 138 ABBOTT, § 495, follows Capell in reading these two lines as one, and scans the line thus made by supposing that two extra syllables are inserted at the end of the third foot 'Than we | being men | to comfort *them* ('em) | The fault's | your own'

139, 140 WALKER (*Vers* 169), not knowing that he had been anticipated not only by Capell, but by the Folio itself, proposed to divide these lines, and contract 'deer'st oth'' as it stands in the text

139 W A WRIGHT In the same intensive sense 'dearest' is used in *Ham* I, ii, 182, 'Would I had met my dearest foe in heaven' But a still more instructive passage is *Rich III* V, ii 21, which is printed thus on the authority of the Quartos 'Which in his greatest need will shrink from him', while the First Folio, followed by the rest, has, 'Which in his dearest neede will flye from him' [In a note on *Ham* I, ii, 182, CALDECOTT well defines the use of 'dear' as importing the excess, the utmost, the superlative of that to which it may be applied, and, even more concisely, W A WRIGHT observes, in a note on the same passage. 'dear' is used of 'whatever touches us nearly, either in love or hate, joy or sorrow' The notes on this word by Horne Tooke, Singer, Caldecott, Dyce, and Craik are given in this edition, on *Rom. & Jul* V, iii, 32 —ED]

147 *Very foule*] BR NICHOLSON (MS) suggests *Water fowl* as a tentative

Gon. Had I plantation of this Ile my Lord. 145

Ant. Hee'd sow't vvith Nettle-feed.

Seb. Oi dockes, or Mallowes. 150

Gon And were the King on't, what vvould I do?

Seb Scape being diunke, for want of Wine

Gon I'th'Commonwealth I vvould (by contraries)

Execute all things For no kinde of Tiafficke 154

148 *plantation*] *the plantation* Rowe
+, Steev '85 *the planting* Han Quincey
MS

Lord] *lord*—Pope

151 *on't*] *of it* Han Cap Steev Mal
Knt

I] *I not* Wagner (Sh Jhrb XIV,
291)

change' 'In the true shipwreck they were partly fed by the great quantities of sea fowl which they caught In Jourdan's Statement (p 408, Var '21) the second paragraph begins "Another sea-fowle there is," words which show that the previous "There is fowle" means, There is sea fowle Secondly, it gave Shakespeare an opportunity of introducing one of his quibbles or puns, while otherwise I see no relevancy nor sense Sebastian looking upward at the now bright sky says mockingly, "Foul weather?" and Shakespeare supposing them to have seen these frequent flights of sea fowl, or at that moment to witness them somewhere beyond the then stage, says by Anthonio "Water-fowl," he continuing, but in a different way, Sebastian's mocking allusion to Gonzalo's words Thirdly, besides punning, Shakespeare, to some at least of his audience, shows that he is alluding to the shipwreck of Somers'

148 *plantation*] GRANT WHITE That is, had I the colonization, not the planting, of this isle See Bacon's Essay *Of Plantations* [Sebastian and Anthonio take it of course in its ordinary sense —ED]

154, &c CAPELL (63 b) This speech, and one that comes after it, prove the writer's acquaintance with one he has not been trac'd in by any, annotator or editor, for thus old Montaigne, speaking of the Indian discovery and of the new people's manners 'C'est une Nation, diray-je a Platon, en laquelle il n'y a aucune esperance de traficq, nulle cognoissance de Lettres, nulle science de nombres, nul nom de Magistrat, ny de superiorité politique, nul usage de service, de richesse, ou de pauvreté, nuls contracts, nules successions, nuls partages, nules occupations qu' oysives, nul respect de parenté que commun, nuls vestemens, nulle agriculture, nul metal, nul usage de vin ou de bled Les paroles mesmes, qui signifient le mensonge, la trahison, la dissimulation, l'avarice, l'envie, la detraction, le pardon, inouyes'—*Essays de Montaigne*, vol 1, p 270, Bruxelles, 1659 The person who shall compare this passage with the translations of it that were extant in Shakespeare's time will see reason to think he read it in French [The general belief now is that Shakespeare, in this instance, did not go to the original French, but to Florio's translation, which, as given by W. A. WRIGHT, is as follows 'It is a nation, would I answer Plato, that hath no kinde of traffike, no knowledge of Letters, no intelligence of numbers, no name of magistrat, nor of politike superioritie, no vse of service, of riches, or of povertie, no contracts, no successions, no partitions, no occupation but idle, no respect of kindred, but common, no apparell but naturall, no manuring of lands, no vse of wine, corne, or mettle The very words that import lying, falshood, treason, dissimulations, covetousness, envie, detraction, and pardon were never heard of amongst them —Bk 1. c.

Would I admit No name of Magistrate 155
 Letters should not be knowne Riches, pouerty,
 And vse of seruice, none . Contract, Succession,
 Borne, bound of Land, Tilth, Vineyard none 158

156 *Riches*] *wealth* Pope + *no riches* or Ktly
 Wagner 158 *bound*] *boundary* Wagner (Sh
Riches, pouerty] *poverty, riches* Jhrb xiv, 291)
 Cap *riches, and poverty* Anon (ap *Tilth*] *tilth, mea lora* Hal cony
 Cam) *Vineyard*] *vineyard, olives* Han
 158 *Borne*] *Bourn* Rowe *Bourn, vineyard, olve* Cap

30, p 102 RUSHTON (*Sh Illust by Old Authors*, 1, 51) gives extracts from the *Ecclesiasticus* (588-606) of Aristophanes, which are parallel in thought and expression to Gonzalo's description of his ideal Commonwealth — HENSE (*Sh Jahrbuch*, xv, 134) supposes that Shakespeare made use also of Ovid's description of the Golden Age (*Met* 1, 98-102), but this is unlikely, I think, had he done so, we should have found some traces of Golding, and none, I think, can be detected. There is a large erasure here, from line 145 to line 190, in Collier's MS, which MOMMSEN (*Perkins-Shakespeare*, p 407) takes to be an indication that, in the time of Collier's annotator, the description of Gonzalo's commonwealth had ceased to be amusing, derived as it was from a book that was becoming antiquated — ED]

156-158 STEEVENS, '93, thus regulates and changes these lines 'Letters should not be known, no use of service, | Of riches, or of poverty, no contracts, | Successions, bound of land, tilth, vineyard, none,' and justifies his work by a reference to the phraseology of the extract from Florio, adding 'Probably Shakespeare first wrote (in the room of *partition*, which did not suit the structure of his verse) *bourn*, but, recollecting that one of its significations was a rivulet, and that his island would have fared ill without fresh water, he changed *bourn* to *bound of land*, a phrase that could not be misunderstood. At the same time he might have forgot to strike out 'bourn,' his original word, which is now rejected, for if not used for a *brook* it would have exactly the same meaning as 'bound of land.' There is, therefore, no need of the dissyllabical assistance recommended [by Malone, who suggests 'And use of service, none, succession | Contract, bourn, bound of land, tilth, vineyard, none.' In Malone's ed, 1790, he proposed 'And use of service, contract, succession | None, bourn, bound of land, tilth, vineyard, none,' but as this was not repeated in 1821 we may charitably suppose that it was withdrawn — WALKER (*Crit* ii, 16) suggests that 'after "tilth," *pasture*, or some synonymous word, seems to have been lost' — ED] — ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc* p 27). Steevens, Malone, Walker, and Keightley have tampered so violently with this verse only because they had not observed the use which Shakespeare makes of what classical metrists know as *mora vacua* (empty times), i. e. the omission of the unaccented syllable of a foot and accepting a pause or rest of the same length instead. The Camb Edd (vol 1, p xlvii) have noted the fact that 'there is a large number of [Shakespeare's] verses which a modern ear pronounces to want their *first* unaccented syllable.' This (I would add) takes place not only when the preceding verse ends with a superfluous *unaccented* syllable (in which case the two verses are still to the ear two normal Iambics), as *ante*, I, ii, 373, 374 'Come forth I say! there's other business for thee. Come, thou tortoise! when?' but also when the concurrence of the *accented* syllable at the end of the preceding verse with that at

No vse of Mettall, Corne, or Wine, or Oyle .

No occupation, all men idle, all .

160

And Women too, but innocent and pure :

No Soueraignty

Seb Yet he vvould be King on't.

Ant. The latter end of his Common-wealth forgets
the beginning

165

Gon All things in common Nature should produce
Without sweate or endeuour : Treason, felony,
Sword, Pike, Knife, Gun, or neede of any Engine
Would I not haue : but Nature should bring forth
Of it owne kinde, all foyzon, all abundance

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163 *Yet*] *And yet* Pope+, Steev Mal

170 *it*] *F*₂, Ktly *it*'s *F*₃, Cap *its* *F*₄

the beginning of the second creates a pause and compels the ear to take notice of the solution of continuity, as in *ante*, I, ii, 274, 275 'And are upon the Mediterranean flôte Boúnd fadly home for Naples' But the Camb Edd do not appear to have noted that in the verse, which is thus practically made Trochaic, Shakespeare sometimes omits also the first unaccented syllable *after* the beginning, as in that just cited, in which the omission of the unaccented syllable between 'Bound' and 'fadly' induces a pause precisely as long as the *Thesis* of a Trochee, and such is the only peculiarity—a perfectly legitimate one—of the verse in question, 'Boúrn, boúnd of land, tilth, vineyard, nóne' A very interesting exemplification of this process is given in *Much Ado*, V, iii, 12–21, a Song, in which four Trochaic dimeter catalectic verses are followed by two tristichs, whereof the two first verses are precisely like the first four of the song, in rhythm, and differ only in the fact that the *Thesis* of the first Trochee is omitted and replaced by a pause, while the *third* verse, which *looks* a great deal shorter than its predecessors of either kind, is still the same in rhythm, with the *Thesis* of the *second* Trochee omitted, e g 1 Pardon, góddes of the night 2 Hélp ús to figh and gróan 3 Heavily, heavily!—Shakespeare has thus written *Bacchics* and *Cretics* without knowing it

156 ABBOTT, § 471, scans this line by pronouncing 'riches' as a monosyllable
See I, ii, 204

165 WARBURTON All this dialogue is a fine satire on the Utopian treatises of government, and the impracticable, inconsistent schemes therein recommended—HOLT (p 41) It may with greater justice be regarded as a compliment to Sidney's *Arcadia* and Bacon's *New Atlantis*, the praises being put in the mouth of Gonzalo, a good and wise man, and the sneers in those of Sebastian and Antonio, two no very favourable characters

167 endeuour] W A WRIGHT In the time of Shakespeare this word had much more the idea of laborious effort attached to it than now See Trench, *On the Authorised Version of the New Testament*, p 44.

168 Engine] STEEVENS: An instrument of war, or military machine

170 *it owne*] See I, ii, 113

170 foyzon] Cotgrave '*Foisson* *f* Store, plentie, abundance, great fullnesse, enough' According to Skeat (s v), from the Latin *fusionem*, acc of *fusus*, a pour-

- To feed my innocent people 171
- Seb* No marrying 'mong his subjects ?
- Ant* None (man) all idle, Whores and knaves,
- Gon.* I would with such perfection governe Sir
- T'Excell the Golden Age. 175
- Seb.* 'Saue his Maiefty. *Ant* Long liue Gonzalo
- Gon.* And do you marke me, Sir? (me.
- Alon* Pre-thee no more thou dost talke nothing to
- Gon* I do well beleue your Highnesse, and did it
- to minister occasion to these Gentlemen, who are of 180
- such sensible and nimble Lungs, that they alwayes vse
- to laugh at nothing
- Ant* 'Twas you vve laugh'd at
- Gon.* Who, in this kind of merry fooling am nothing
- to you : so you may continue, and laugh at nothing still 185

176 'Saue] *Save* F₄ *God save* Walker,
Huds
Gonzalo] *King Gonzalo* Elze

177 *And*] *And*— Dyce II, III
178 Two lines, Cap
185 *nothing*] *nothing* F₄

ing out, hence, profusion—W A WRIGHT quotes Forby's *Vocabulary of East Anglia*, where it is defined as 'Succulency, natural nutritive moisture, as in herb-
age'—Col MALLERY (*Phila Sh Soc*) suggests that "abundance" here is but a
translation of the archaic "foyzon," a process to which poets and orators habitually
resort'

175 T'Excell] For other examples of the omission of *as*, see ABBOTT, § 281

176 'Saue] WALKER (*Crit* I, 215) connects this exclamation of Sebastian with
Antonio's echo as a possible verse, and suggests that the former originally said 'God
save his majesty,' but that 'the name of God was omitted by the editor of the Folio
out of deference to the well-known act of Parliament against profaneness'—[1 Jac
c 21 It militates slightly against Walker's suggestion that line 175 is so carefully
printed that 'To excell' is abbreviated to 'T'excell,' which looks as though it were
intended to connect that line with Sebastian's exclamation. In either case Walker's
suggestion of the omitted name holds good, and 'save his majesty' may be regarded
as a fair example of what ABBOTT happily styles (§ 513) an *amphibious* verse, which
may serve duty both as the end of one verse and as the beginning of the next. Hud-
son followed Walker's suggestion and division of the lines.—ED.]

177 *And*] W A WRIGHT, in the Third Cambridge Edition, conjectures that this,
although spoken by Gonzalo, should be printed after 'age' in line 175, 'T'excell the
Golden Age, and—' hereby indicating the boisterous and unmannerly interruption
of Sebastian and Antonio. Gonzalo then resumes 'Do you mark,' &c

178 *talke nothing*] PHILA. SH. SOC The *οὐδὲν λέγεις* of Greek,—thou sayest
that which has in it no reality, what is false, or nothing to the purpose

181 *sensible*] That is, sensitive; thus frequently used. W. A. WRIGHT com-
pares this expression of 'sensible and nimble' to the lungs that are 'tuckle o' the
sere' in *Ham* II, II, 317

Ant What a blow was there giuen ? 186

Seb And 't had not false flat-long

Gon You are Gentlemen of brave mettall you would
lift the Moone out of her sphere, if she would continue
in it five weekes without changing. 190

Enter Ariell playing solemn Musick

Seb We would so, and then go a Bat-fowling 192

187 *And*] An Pope et seq Rowe 1

188 *of brave*] *of a brave* F₃F₄, 191. Om Pope Solemn Musick Cap

187 *And*] This, of course, is equivalent to *if*. It is almost always thus written in the Folio, and is quite needlessly, I think, changed to *an* in modern editions. See II, II, 123, where 'and it' occurs on the same principle probably as 'most unkindest' —ED

187 *flat-long*] MORRIS (*Eng Accidence*, § 311, referred to by W A Wright) There were some adverbs in Old English, originally dative feminine singular, ending in *-unga*, *-unga*, *-lunga*, *-lunga*. A few of these, without the dative suffix, exist under the form *-lung* or *-long*, as *head-long*, *sideling*, *sidelong*, *darkling*, *flatling*, and *flatlong*. —W A WRIGHT quotes Hollyband's *Dictionarie* 'Frapper du plat de l'espée, to strike with a sword flatling'. And Spenser, *Faerie Queene*, V, v, 18 'Tho' with her sword on him she flatling strooke'. [In Sidney's *Arcadia*, III, 310, ed 1598, we read, in the description of Pamela's execution, that 'the pittlesse sworde had such pittie of so precious an object [i.e. Pamela's neck] that at first it did but hit flatlong'. —ED]

189 *if she would*] I doubt if strict rules can be laid down in regard to Shakespeare's use of *should* or *would*. If we can be assured that the language is really Shakespeare's, and not his printer's, we might perhaps detect in every instance some subtle reason for his use of the one or the other. *Should* is, frequently, more difficult to explain than *would*, wherein the idea of *will* or *duty* can be almost always discerned, see *Mer of Ven* III, II, 289 'Besides, it should appear, that if he had the present money,' &c., *As You Like It*, I, II, 220 'Thou shouldst have pleased me better,' &c. —ABBOTT, § 329, says 'it is a natural and common mistake to say *would* is used for *should* by Elizabethan writers'. —W A. WRIGHT, in a note on this present passage, says "'would" here is certainly used for the conditional *should*,' and after quoting the foregoing remark of Abbott, adds 'But it cannot be denied that Elizabethan writers employed *would* in constructions in which we now use *should*'. Indeed, it is not unnatural that it should have been so in days when the usage of words was less rigid than now. Can it be, however, in the present case that 'would' is not Shakespeare's word, but the printer's? And that it is due to the 'would' in the line almost directly above it? We admit this error by proximity in many another case, and why may we not admit it here? There is to me always a lurking weakness in such an explanation, I confess, and yet if it be ever allowable, it might surely be permitted here, where the use of 'would' is almost inexplicable. —ED

191 *Ariell*] COLLIER'S MS adds *above, invisible*, which 'accords,' says Collier (ed II), 'with Prospero's direction that the spirit was not to be seen. We must suppose that, by some contrivance, Ariel floated above the actors.'

192 STAUNTON The instructions for 'Bat-fowling' in Markham's *Hunger's Prevention*, &c afford an accurate description of this sport 'For the manner of *Bat*

Ant Nay good my Lord, be not angry. 193

Gon. No I warrant you, I vwill not aduenture iny
discretion fo weakly · Will you laugh me asleepe, for I 195
am very heauy.

Ant. Go sleepe, and heare vs. 197

197 *vs*] *us not* Ktly

197 [*Gon* *Adr* *Fra* and *Train*, sleep
Cap

fowling it may be vsed either with Nettes, or without Nettes If you vse it without Nettes (which indeede is the most common of the two) you shall then proceede in this manner First, there shall be one to cary the Cresset of fire (as was shewed for the *Lowbell*) then a certaine number as two, three, or foure (according to the greatnesse of your company), and these shall haue poales bound with dry round wispes of hay, straw, or such like stuffe, or else bound with pieces of Linkes or Hurdes, dipt in Pitch, Rosen, Grease, or any such like matter that will blaze —Then another company shal be armed with long poales, very rough and bushy at the vpper endes, of which the Willow, Byrche, or long Hazell are best, but indeed according as the country will afford so you must be content to take —Thus being prepared and coming into the Bushy, or rough ground where the haunts of Birds are, you shall then first kindle some of your fiers as halfe, or a third part, according as your prouision is, and then with your other bushy and rough poales you shall beat the Bushes, Trees, and haunts of the Birds, to enforce them to rise, which done you shall see the Birds which are raysted, to flye and play about the lights and flames of the fier, for it is their nature through their amazednesse, and affright at the strangenes of the light and the extreame darknesse round about it, not to depart from it, but as it were almost to scorch their wings in the same, so that those who have the rough bushye poales, may (at their pleasures) beat them down with the same, & so take them Thus you may spend as much of the night as is darke, for longer is not conuenient, and doubtlesse you shall finde much pastime, and take great store of birds, and in this you shall obserue all the obseruations formerly treated of in the *Lowbell*, especially, that of silence, vntill your lights be kindled, but then you may vse your pleasure, for the noyse and the light when they are heard and seene a farre of, they make the birds sit the faster and surer' [1621, pp 98-100 —W A WRIGHT] —According to THORNBURY, this practice gave its name to a thieves' trick 'Bat-fowling,' he says (*Sh's England*, 1, 339), 'was practised about dusk, when the rogue pretended to have dropped a ring or a jewel at the door of some well furnished shop, and, going in, asked the 'prentice of the house to light his candle to look for it After some peering about, the bat-fowler would drop the candle as if by accident "Now, I pray you, good young man," he would say, "to do so much as light the candle again" While the boy was away the rogue plundered the shop, and having stole everything he could find, stole away him self' [Thornbury's book would be extremely valuable if his authorities were only given—ED]

194, 195 aduenture .. weakly] PHILA SH SOC · I will not shew myself so weak, as thus to nsk [my character] for discretion

197 heare vs] KEIGHTLEY (*Exp* 211) A negative has been effaced or omitted Surely the very last thing that Anthonio could have wished was that he should hear them, and how could he if he went to sleep? [Coleridge supposes that

- Alon* What, all so foone asleepe? I wish mine eyes 198
 Would(with themfelues) shut vp my thoughts,
 I finde they are inclin'd to do so 200
- Seb.* Please you Sir,
 Do not omit the heauy offer of it.
 It fildome vifits forrow, when it doth, it is a Comforter.
- Ant.* We two my Lord, will guard your perfon,
 While you take your rest, and watch your safaty. 205
- Alon.* Thanke you. Wondrous heauy
- Seb.* What a frange drowfines poffeffes them? 207

199, 200 *Would I finde* One line, 204, 205 *will rest* One line, Rowe
 Pope et seq 11 et seq
 203 *It fildome* *It feldome* F₃ *It* 206 *Wondrous* *I'm wondrous* Grey
feldom F₄ *Sleep seldom* Grey [All sleep but *Seb* and *Ant*
forrow, *forrow,* F₄ Rowe *Alonso sleeps* Cap *Exit Ariel*
It Comforter One line, Rowe Mal
 11 +, Cap

there was as yet no thought of a conspiracy —ED] *Not* we may also see is required by the metre The latter part may be a half-aside —W (*N & Qu* 3d S ix, 254) suggests that perhaps Anthonio's reply refers directly to Gonzalo's 'Will you *laugh* us asleep?' and is to be interpreted, 'Go sleep and hear us' (*laugh* understood) —PHILA SH SOC (p 28) Gonzalo's question may be, perversely, construed to mean 'Will you laugh [at] me while asleep?' Antonio accordingly answers, 'Go to sleep, and then you will hear whether we laugh [at] you in your sleep or not' [See Coleridge, in line 207] —HALLIWELL (p 32) A very obscure speech Gonzalo asks them to laugh him to sleep, for he is very drowsy Antonio replies, 'Go to sleep and hear us laugh,' the sound of which laughter, from a little distance, would soothe the drowsy counsellor into slumber Antonio's speech, by the common idiom of inversion, is equivalent to, 'Hear us, and go sleep'

202 *heauy offer*] W A WRIGHT 'Heavy' is here used proleptically, or by anticipation 'The heavy offer' is the offer which brings drowsiness or heaviness

207, &c COLERIDGE (*Seven Lectures*, p 122) How well the poet prepares the feelings of the reader for this plot, which was to execute the most detestable of crimes and which, in another play, Shakespeare has called 'the murder of sleep' Antonio and Sebastian at first had no such intention, it was suggested by the magical sleep cast on Alonso and Gonzalo; but they are previously introduced scoffing and scorning at what was said by others, without regard to age or situation,—without any sense of admiration for the excellent truths they heard delivered, but giving themselves up entirely to the malignant and unsocial feeling which induced them to listen to everything that was said, not for the sake of profiting by the learning and experience of others, but of hearing something that might gratify vanity and self-love, by making them believe that the person speaking was inferior to themselves —This, let me remark, is one of the grand characteristics of a villain, and it would not be so much a presentment, as an anticipation of hell, for men to suppose that all mankind were as wicked as themselves, or might be so, if they were not too great fools Pope objected

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| <i>Ant</i> | It is the quality o'th' Clymate | 208 |
| <i>Seb</i> | Why | |
| | Doth it not then our eye-lids finke? I finde | 210 |
| | Not my felfe dispos'd to sleep. | |
| <i>Ant.</i> | Nor I, my spirits are nimble. | |
| | They fell together all, as by consent | |
| | They dropt, as by a Thunder-stroke what might | |
| | Worthy <i>Sebastian</i> ? O, what might? no more: | 215 |
| | And yet, me thinkes I see it in thy face, | |
| | What thou should'st be. th'occasion speaks thee, and | 217 |

208-212 Lines end, *it myself nimble*, Elze

210, 211 *Doth Not*] One line, Rowe
11 et seq

213, 214 *all, consent dropt,*] *all consent*, *dropt* Pope

214 *what might*] *F*₂, Cap Hal *what might* *F*₃, *what might*, *F*₄ et cet

215 *Sebastian?* *might?*] *Sebastian*
— *might*—Rowe

217 *th'occasion*] *The occasion* Rowe,
Johns Cap Steev Mal Dyce, Cam

to this conspiracy [see note on line 13, above], but in my mind, if it could be omitted, the play would lose a charm which nothing could supply

214 *Thunder-stroke*] HOLT (p 42, suggesting, 'They fell together, all as by Consent, They dropt, as' &c) A preternatural cause seems manifestly intended by introducing Ariel with solemn music, which was to have only that somniferous effect there being nothing consequent following on his entrance but the sudden drowsiness which seizes Gonzalo, Alonzo, Adrian, and Francisco

215, &c COLERIDGE (*Lectures*, &c p 89) The scene of the intended assassination of Alonzo and Gonzalo is an exact counterpart of the scene between Macbeth and his lady, only pitched in a lower key throughout, as designed to be frustrated and concealed, and exhibiting the same profound management in the manner of familiarising a mind, not immediately recipient, to the suggestion of guilt, by associating the proposed crime with something ludicrous or out of place,—something not habitually matter of reverence By this kind of sophistry the imagination and fancy are first bribed to contemplate the suggested act, and at length to become acquainted with it. Observe how the effect of this scene is heightened by contrast with another counter part of it in low life,—that between the conspirators Stephano, Caliban, and Trinculo, in which there are the same essential characteristics —MACDONALD (*The Imagination*, p 126) calls attention to the different treatment of the same subject in *Macbeth*; in *King John*, where the king tempts Hubert to kill Arthur, in *As You Like It*, in the scene between Oliver and Charles the wrestler, and in *Hamlet*, where Claudius urges Laertes to kill Hamlet

217 *should'st*] The meaning of *ought* is here clear enough, as it is in *Maid* I, iii, 45, 'You should be women' See ABBOTT, § 323, for other examples

217 *speaks thee*] PHILA SH SOC Delius understands the occasion *expresses* thee, i e shows thee as what thou *canst* be and what (in *posse*) thou art *now* Rather, perhaps the occasion (Greek *καὶρός*, Lat *occurso*, a critical or favourable moment) speaks [to] thee [and orders thee to act as it suggests], and,—as a consequence of such obedience to occasion,—I see a crown on thy head The use, however, of

- My strong imagination fee's a Crowne 218
 Dropping vpon thy head.
Seb What? art thou waking? 220
Ant Do you not heare me speake?
Seb I do, and fuely
 It is a sleepy Language, and thou speak'st
 Out of thy sleepe What is it thou didst say?
 This is a strange repose, to be asleepe 225
 With eyes wide open . standing, speaking, mouing:
 And yet so fast asleepe
Ant Noble *Sebastian*,
 Thou let'st thy fortune sleepe : die rather : wink'st
 Whiles thou art waking. 230
Seb Thou do'st snore distinctly,
 There's meaning in thy snores.
Ant I am more serious then my custome you
 Must be so too, if heed me which to do,
 Trebbles thee o're 235
Seb Well . I am standing water
Ant. Ile teach you how to flow 237

218 *fee's*] *sees F*

230, 242 *Whiles*] *Whilst Rowe +*

234 *so too*] *so Pope, Han*

if heed] *if you heed Rowe, Pope,*

Han Kily *if ye heed Hunter*

235 *Trebbles thee o're*] *Troubles thee*

o'er Rowe II, Pope Troubles thee not

Han *Troubles thee sore Quincy MS*

'speak' in the sense of *to call* or *order* seems to require confirmation. There is, to be sure, the sea-phrase *to speak a ship*. Something like a parallel may be found in I. II, 46. 'The very minute bids thee open thine ear'

231 distinctly] That is, articulately, with separate tones. See I, II, 233

234 if heed me] See, for a similar ellipsis, I, II, 521

235 Trebbles thee o're] THFOBALD. That is, makes thee thrice what thou now art. Compare, 'I would be trebled twenty times myself'—*Mer of Ven* III, II, 154.—PHILA SH SOC. There appears to be here somewhat of reugma, or suggestive construction, i. e. the idea of necessity expressed by 'must' suggests a similar filling up before 'heed'. 'To do' also may be emphatically antithetic to another verb connected in sense with 'heed'. Thus you, too, must be serious, if you [are to] heed me [in telling] that, to do which trebles thee o'er.—WILSON (*Caliban*, p. 230) would read thus 'you Must be so too, if—heed me,—which to do 't Rebels thee o'er,' and expounds as follows. 'The previous talk with Gonzalo, and the darker hints since, have been carried on with quip, pun, and inuendo. If we understand Sebastian's reply, "Well, I am standing water," as a play on the word "rebels," i. e. "ripples thee o'er," it is no worse pun than others which have preceded it, and hence follows metaphorical talk of flowing, ebbing, and running near the bottom.'

Seb. Do so to ebbe
Hereditary Sloth instructs me. 238

Ant. O ' 240

If you but knew how you the purpose cherish
Whiles thus you mocke it how in stripping it
You more inuest it ebbing men, indeed
(Most often) do so neere the bottome run
By their owne feare, or sloth 245

Seb. 'Pre-thee say on,
The setting of thine eye, and cheeke proclaime
A matter from thee; and a birth, indeed,
Which throwes thee much to yeeld

Ant. Thus Sir 250
Although this Lord of weake remembrance; this
Who shall be of as little memory
When he is earth'd, hath here almost perswaded
(For hee's a Spirit of perswasion, onely
Professes to perswade) the King his sonne's alieue, 255

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| 244 <i>so bottome</i>] <i>so, bottom, Rowe</i> | 250 <i>Thus Sir</i>] <i>Why then thus Sir</i> |
| 247 <i>proclaime</i>] <i>proclaims Ktly</i> | Han <i>Thus, sir, I say Ktly conj</i> |
| 249 <i>throwes</i>] <i>throws F., Rowe throes</i> | 254 <i>hee's</i>] <i>he's as Han 1</i> |
| Pope | 255 <i>perswade</i>] <i>the King</i>] <i>persuade the King, Johns</i> |

241-243 STEEVENS A judicious critic in *The Edinburgh Magazine*, Nov 1786, offers the following illustration of this obscure passage 'O if you but knew how much even that metaphor, which you use in jest, encourages to the design which I hint at, how in stripping the words of their common meaning, and using them figuratively, you adapt them to your own situation'—PHILLIPS. The more Sebastian, by putting forward his natural indolence, seems to decline entering into Antonio's counsels, the more, as Antonio can perceive, he is really inclined to slip into them as into a garment

236 standing water] JEPHSON The meaning seems to be, 'I am stagnant, slow of understanding and action', for Antonio follows up the metaphor by saying he will teach Sebastian how 'to flow,' and Sebastian rejoins that his natural or hereditary slothfulness teaches him rather 'to ebb'

251 this Lord] JOHNSON This lord, who being now in his dotage, has outlived his faculty of remembering, and who, when once laid in the ground, shall be as little remembered himself, as he can now remember other things

255 Professes to perswade] CAPPELL That is, persuading is his profession, his only profession, the words are spoke of FRANCISCO—JOHNSON Of this entangled sentence I can draw no sense from the present reading, and therefore imagine that the author gave it thus 'For *he*, a spirit of persuasion, only Professes to persuade *the king, his son's alive*,' of which the meaning may be either that 'he alone, who is a spirit of persuasion, professes to persuade the king,' or that 'he only professes to per-

[255 Professes to persuade)]

suade', that is, 'without being so persuaded himself, he makes a show of persuading the king'—KENRICK (p. 11) There is no necessity for altering the text any farther than to transpose the comma, placed after 'persuasion,' to the end of the line. The meaning then is 'He hath *almost* [not quite] persuaded the king, for he is the *spirit* of persuasion only, he professes to persuade', that is, 'He has only *almost* persuaded the king, he hath no solid argument or weighty reason to enforce what he says, he hath only the mere volatile *spirit* of persuasion, that superficial vapour of words which exhales and carries with it only the appearance, the mere show or profession of persuading'—MONCK MASON. The obscurity here arises from the word 'he is,' which is not an abbreviation of *he is*, but of *he has*, and partly from the omission of the pronoun *who* before 'professes,' by a common poetical ellipsis. Supply the deficiency and the sentence will run thus 'hath here almost persuaded (For *he has* a spirit of persuasion, *who* only Professes to persuade), the king, his son's alive'—STEEVENS. I cannot help regarding the words 'professes to persuade' as a mere gloss or paraphrase on 'he has a spirit of persuasion'. This explanatory sentence, being written in the margin of an actor's part, or playhouse copy, was afterwards injudiciously incorporated with our author's text. Read the passage without these words, '—almost persuaded (For he's a spirit of persuasion only), The king, his son's alive, 'tis as impossible,' &c., and nothing is wanting to its sense or metre. [Steevens adopted this reading in his 'own edition' of 1793.]—DYCE says of this passage, 'something is surely wrong here,' and quotes, without dissent, Steevens's note—STAUNTON goes further and adopts Steevens's idea that the entanglement may have arisen from the retention of Shakespeare's first, as well as his reconsidered, thought—[I cannot agree with Dyce that something is surely wrong. Antonio, at the very outset, must counteract in Sebastian's mind all belief in Ferdinand's escape which has just been so positively asserted to the king. If Ferdinand has survived, Sebastian is not the heir to the throne, and the conspiracy will come to naught. He therefore, parenthetically, weakens these assertions by saying that their author, when he made them, was merely exercising his calling, as a courtier and as a counsellor, in the arts of persuasion, 'he is the very soul of persuasion,' he says, 'and, to practise it, his only profession'. If under the word 'professes' we can detect an insidious hint that it is insincere lip-service, all the better. What is to me somewhat more puzzling here than this 'entanglement' is, to whom is Antonio referring, to Gonzalo or to Francisco? I had never a doubt on the subject until I found that Capell, whom we can never afford to overlook, asserted positively that it is Francisco; and he is followed by Hunter (of *Longman's Series*) and Hudson. On the other hand, Jephson and Phillips say that it is Gonzalo, all other editors are silent in this regard, but from their references to the 'dotard,' &c. it is to be inferred that they mean Gonzalo. Unquestionably, it is Francisco who gives the florid account of Ferdinand's remarkable swimming (and, indeed, it is to the rhetorical flourishes in this speech that Jephson thinks Antonio here refers as proofs that Francisco was merely exercising his profession), but Francisco is such a very subordinate character that this prominence can scarcely be given to him here. The description of Ferdinand's swimming is his sole utterance throughout the play, except three words, 'They vanished strangely,' in the Fourth Act. Whereas, to show how prominent Gonzalo is, would be mere waste time. I cannot but think that 'this lord of weak remembrance,' who will be forgotten as soon as 'he is earth'd,' is identical with 'this ancient morsel, this Sir Prudence,' whom Antonio afterwards incites Sebastian 'to put for aye to the perpetual wink'—ED.]

'Tis as impossible that hee's vndrown'd,
As he that sleepes heere, fwims. 256

Seb I haue no hope
That hee's vndrown'd.

Ant. O, out of that no hope, 260
What great hope haue you? No hope that way, Is
Another way so high a hope, that euen
Ambition cannot pierce a winke beyond
But doubt discouery there. Will you grant with me 264

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| 261 <i>that way, Is] that way</i> Is Ff | 264 <i>doubt] Ff, Rowe +, Cam Glo.</i> |
| 262 <i>a hope] an hope</i> Rowe +, Steev | Jeph Wrt, Huds Wh u, Dtn <i>drops</i> |
| Mal Var | Han <i>drowns</i> Herr <i>doubts</i> Cap et |
| 264 <i>But discouery] What dis-</i> | cet |
| <i>covers</i> Orger | <i>with] Om</i> Gould |

263 *winke] DEIGHTON* As the eye of ambition is alluded to, distance is here appropriately measured by a 'wink', so in V, 1, 34 'My purpose doth extend Not a frown further'

264 *But there] WARBURTON* The meaning is, that Ambition would be so affected with the pleasing prospect that it would doubt whether the discovery it there made, of future greatness, was a real representation, or only what Shakespeare, in another place, calls a *Dream of Advantage*—HEATH Ambition, which cannot carry its utmost view beyond the prospect this 'no hope' opens to it, doubts even the discovery which it actually makes, or may make, if it pleases. In saying which Antonio alludes to the difficulty he found in making Sebastian comprehend, or at least to own he comprehended, the scope he had been so long aiming at—CAPELL 'There' is—beyond the object alluded to, i. e. a crown 'no hope, that way (says the speaker) is another way so high a hope, that even ambition cannot, with all its efforts, discover glimpse of anything desirable beyond it, and even doubts whether there is anything to be discover'd'. In making 'doubts' *drops*, [Hanmer] shews his having taken the passage in nearly the same way, and, in truth, his change receives some authority from the disretive particle 'But,' with which 'doubts' has not that accordance that might be wish'd—JOHNSON This is the utmost extent of the prospect of ambition, the point where the eye can pass no further, and where objects lose their distinctness, so that what is there discovered is faint, obscure, and doubtful—JEPHSON That is, must be uncertain of discovering or discerning anything there, the prospect is so beyond the reach of human sight—W A WRIGHT To 'doubt discovery there' must mean to be uncertain about what it finds there, the point being at the extreme limit of ambition's vision—HUDSON bravely confesses that the passage 'has long been a poser' to him, and that he has met with no sufficient explanation of it 'Possibly,' he adds, 'we ought to read, "*Nor aught discover there*"'—PHILA SH SOC 'But doubt' can be considered as equal to *without doubting*, or the 'cannot' is mentally carried on 'cannot pierce a wink beyond—[cannot] but doubt discovery there' [This last interpretation seems to be the best way of dealing with the adversative 'but,' and even this is far from satisfactory. It seems to me that the sense requires a word akin either to *finds* or to Hanmer's *drops*. The Cambridge Edition records the conjecture, *douts*, by Br Nicholson, a conjecture which vanity forces me to think

That *Ferdinand* is down'd.

265

Seb. He's gone.

Ant Then tell me, who's the next heir of *Naples*?

Seb *Clanibull*.

Ant. She that is Queene of *Tunis*. she that dwels

Ten leagues beyond mans life she that from *Naples* 270

Can haue no note, vnlesse the Sun were post.

The Man i'th Moone's too slow, till new-borne chinnes 272

267 *who's Naples?*] One line, Pope

271 *post*] *post*, Rowe

well of, it occurred to me independently *Dout*, of course, is equivalent to *doff* Nicholson's conjecture appears nowhere, I believe, in print, it was probably communicated in MS to the Cambridge Editors When ambition has pierced to its furthest wink, there discovery ceases and the crown is found—ED]

270 *mans life*] STEEVENS That is, at a greater distance than the life of man is long enough to reach—CROFT ingeniously fixed the distance to be eighty leagues, because 'man's life' in Scripture is computed at seventy years—HUNTER (1, 166) It seems, indeed, to me that there is one proof that *The Tempest* is a translated, not an original, composition [in this phrase], where *Man's Life* appears to be the name of some African city turned into English on the principle of translation which gives us 'Old Free-Town' in *Rom & Jul* and 'The Place of Depth' in *Com of Err*, and in *Mandevile* 'Evil Town,' and in *The Acts* 'Mars Hill' And we find, accordingly, Leo Africanus speaking of a city south of Tunis, known by the name of *Zoa*, which may well be supposed to have been the place the name of which is thus represented on this erroneous principle of translation—W A WRIGHT characterises this note of Hunter as a piece of 'curious ingenuity,' and adds 'as if a distance of "thirty miles beyond Zoa" would be an appreciable distance in Antonio's inflated description' [Moreover, Lampedusa, where Hunter is convinced that Antonio then was, is north of Tunis, to be consistent, therefore, should not Hunter have amended the text so as to read 'ten leagues this side o' Mans-Life'?—ED]

271 *no note*] POPE's comments are so rare that when he speaks we are prepared to find some intricate knot unloosed, he here observes that 'no note' means 'no advices by letter'—HEATH That is, no notice of any kind, by messenger or otherwise—HOLT (p 44) has here a long note showing how Antonio, in his strong propensity to mischief, forgets all the circumstances that make against him—STEEVENS Shakespeare's great ignorance of geography is not more conspicuous in any instance than in this, where he supposes Tunis and Naples to have been at such an immeasurable distance from each other—W A WRIGHT Steevens appears to have overlooked the fact that Antonio's language is intentionally exaggerated and that Sebastian is fully aware of it—PHILA SH Soc Cf Bacon, *Essays*, xlix, p 442 (ed Whately), where, under 'advantage be not taken of the note,' the Editor cites this passage from *The Tempest*

272 *The slow*] From Pope to the present day these words have been enclosed in a parenthesis With this, in itself, BRAE (*Robinson's Ept of Lit* 15 Feb 1879, p 33) does not find fault, but condemns the oversight of not including in the same parenthesis 'unless the sun were post,' thereby disclosing, he alleges, the

Be rough, and Razor-able . She that from whom 273
 We all were sea-swallow'd, though some cast againe,

273, 274 *Be We*] One line, Huds
 273 *that from whom*] ff, Hal Ktly,
 Cam Wrt *for whom* Pope *that for*
 whom Coll MS *from whom coming*
 Sing *that from whom coming* Ktly
that—from whom? Spedding, Glo 'twas
for whom Huds *she's that from whom*

Huds conj (withdrawn) *that from—*
whom Furnivall (N & Qu 5, vii, 143)
from whom Rowe et cet
 274 *We all were*] *We were* Pope+,
 Cap *We were all* Steev Knt, Hunter
cast] *cast up* Ktly conj

'humorous comparison between the sun's motion and that of the moon, the latter seeming to lag behind the sun by nearly an hour every day But this little physical allusion is made nonsense of when the two members of the comparison are dis severed by one being inclosed in a parenthesis from which the other is excluded, the hyperbolical extravagance does not consist in the idea of sun being post, but in his being a better post than the man in the moon'

273 *that from whom*] CAPELL The place is most defectively worded, for we must supply in it—*in coming*,—'she *in coming* from whom', nor is the sequel much perfecter, *are* is understood before 'cast,' and again after 'And,'—'though some *are* cast again And *are* (by that destiny),' &c —MAI ONE 'She *that* from whom' cannot be right The compositor's eye probably glanced on a preceding line, 'she that from Naples'—In *N & Qu* 5th S vii, 324, 1877, J[ames] '[pedding] thus explains his proposed punctuation ('she that—From whom? We all,' &c) The question 'from whom?' taken in connection with the four lines preceding, can mean nothing more or less than 'from whom *can she have note?*' which meaning is exactly to the purpose of the speaker Ferdinand, son and heir to the King of Naples, being drowned, his sister Claribel, now Queen of Tunis, is next in succession, after her, Sebastian, the king's brother Antonio suggests to Sebastian that if the king were dead he might take the crown, Tunis being so far off that Claribel would know nothing about it. 'From whom' could she hear the news, the ship having been lost, with all on board except themselves, and those whose silence they might now make sure of? He breaks off abruptly and changes his construction But what he says is intelligible and to the purpose To leave a sentence unfinished and begin another is common enough in English speech But that any Englishman of any time, countv, or education, if he meant to say 'she, in returning from whose house I was wrecked,' would say either '*whom* [Qu *from whom?*] I was wrecked' or '*she that from whom* I was wrecked,' is to me incredible—W A WRIGHT If [the Folio] is correct, and there is no great reason to doubt it, there is a confusion of two constructions Antonio beginning a fresh sentence as he had done the three previous ones with 'she that,' and then changing abruptly to 'from whom,' which made the preceding relative superfluous—Mrs KEMBLE (*Notes*, &c p 141) It seems curious to me that no one bethought themselves of transposing 'She that' into *That she*, which would have been Shakespearean, and justified the retention of the otherwise incomprehensible 'that.'—HUDSON The old text rather looks as if a full stop were intended at 'razorable,' and a new construction there to begin At one time I thought of reading '*She's* that from whom,' which makes 'that' a demonstrative pronoun, and thus removes the absurdity of its being a relative pronoun But it seems to me better to substitute '*'twas*, 'She '*'twas* for whom,' and so to get rid of 'that' altogether Nor is the change at all

(And by that destiny) to performe an act 275
Whereof, what's past is Prologue, what to come
In yours, and my discharge.

Seb. What stuffe is this? How say you?
'Tis true my brothers daughter's Queene of Tunis,
So is the heyre of Naples, 'twixt which Regions 280
There is some space.

Ant. A space, whose eu'ry cubit 282

275 And] May Pope, Theob Han
Warb Are Wagner (Jhrb xiv)
destiny] destin'd Holt, Musgrave,
Steev '93

276 past is] past in Ff, Rowe
277 In] Is Pope+ 'S in Daniel
discharge] discharge—Rowe

violent And my theory is that 'she that from' got repeated from the third line above As to the change of 'from' into *for*, perhaps it is not strictly necessary, as 'from' may possibly yield the same meaning

274. cast] This means not only *to throw*, but also, very often, *to throw up* as here—W A WRIGHT 'Cast,' which, in theatrical language, is to assign their parts to actors, seems to have suggested the 'act' and 'prologue' which follow [To these theatrical terms the PHILA SH SOC added 'discharge,' in line 277, see *Mid N. D.* I, II, 95 'I will discharge it in either your straw-colour beard,' &c]

275, 276 CAPELL These are soundings of Sebastian, and have a darkness intentional which the deficiencies [of expression] heighten, the pointing of his reply [i.e. a dash after 'this' in line 278] is calculated to convey an idea of the suddenness of his perception of the tendency of what he calls 'stuff,' a suddenness that requires a start in the actor

275 And . . . destiny] HOLT (p. 47) These words want no alteration, unless the noun 'destiny' is made a verb, *destin'd* [This emendation Steevens adopted in his edition of 1793, but attributed it to 'the late Dr Musgrave,' and to Dr Musgrave it has been attributed ever since There is no need to suppose that either Steevens or Musgrave acted otherwise than in good faith, and it is possible that Musgrave antedated Holt I do not know where Musgrave's note is to be found except on Steevens's page in 1793, Holt's note was printed in 1749 In adopting this emendation Steevens properly printed the phrase 'And, by that, destin'd,' &c, and it was so punctuated in Reed's *Variorum* of 1803 and 1813, when Boswell printed Malone's *Variorum* in 1821 he returned to 'destiny,' but he overlooked the commas, so that the phrase in that edition now appears as 'And, by that, destiny,' &c, clearly a misprint, although it is not specified in the list of Errata—ED]—JOHNSON Perhaps we might better say, 'And *that by* destiny' It being a common plea of wickedness to call temptation destiny [In this conjecture Staunton, who has generally received the credit for it, was anticipated by Johnson.]—PHILA SH SOC : The conjecture *destin'd* is needless, the sense thereby given is equally to be elicited from the text as it stands, i.e. the verb 'were' *creeps out* again after 'destiny,' with the expression of necessity, 'by that destiny [we are] to perform an act,' &c

277 In . . . discharge] STEEVENS That is, depends on what you and I are to perform [For the use of the pronoun 'yours,' see note on III, II, 117]

Seemes to cry out, how shall that *Claribell* 283
 Measure vs backe to *Naples* ? keepe in *Tunis*,
 And let *Sebastian* wake. Say, this were death 285
 That now hath seiz'd them, why they were no worfe
 Then now they are : There be that can rule *Naples*
 As well as he that sleepees · Lords, that can prate
 As amply, and vnnecessarily
 As this *Gonzallo* I my felfe could make 290
 A Chough of as deepe chat · O, that you bore
 The minde that I do, what a sleepe were this
 For your aduancement ? Do you vnderstand me ?
Seb Me thinks I do.
Ant. And how do's your content 295
 Tender your owne good fortune ?

283, 284 *how Naples?*] As a quotation, Steev Mal Var Knt, Coll Hal Sing Dyce

283, 285 *how wake*] As a quotation, Wh Sta Cam Jeph Glo Clke, Wrt, Rlfe, Huds Dtn
 283 *shall that*] *shall thou* Han

284 *Measure vs*] *Measure it* Han
backe to] *backe by* Ff, Rowe
keepe] *sleepe* Johns conj *keep her*

Herr
 291 *of as*] *give as* Wilson
 292 *were*] *was* Theob II, Warb
 Johns

283-285 BRAE (*Rob Epit of Lit* 15 Feb 1879) This may be reclaimed by simple transposition of the existing words 'seems to cry out "*How measure us back to Naples?*" That Claribel shall keep in Tunis, and—Let Sebastian wake' The line before 'Let Sebastian wake' breaks off suddenly by *apostrophes*

283-285 *how . . wake*] Unquestionably, all this is what every cubit cries out and should, of course, be printed as a quotation

284 *to Naples*] TYRWHITT, misled by the later Folios and Rowe, emended what he supposed to be the true text by what he called a 'spirited turn' 'How shall that Claribel Measure us back? B'w'v', Naples; keep in Tunis,' &c 'B'w'y', he explains, 'is a common corruption, in conversation, of *good b'w'y*'

291 *Chough*] HARTING (p 115): The Red-legged Crow,—the Cornish Chough as it is sometimes called Instances, we believe, are on record of choughs being taught to speak, but Shakespeare appears to have entertained no great opinion of their talking powers He speaks of 'Chough's language, gabble enough, and good enough,' *All's Well*, IV, 1, 22, and [here in *The Tempest*]—JEPHSON The meaning is, 'I myself could teach a chough to talk as deeply as this Gonzalo' 'Chat' is used in contempt

291 *chat*] W A. WRIGHT That is, able to talk as profoundly

295, 296 DANIEL (p 11) Why should Antonio ask Sebastian whether his content waited on a good fortune he did not possess? He is tempting him to join in an act which shall achieve that good fortune (the kingship of Naples), and to ask him whether he is satisfied already seems absurd. To ask him if he consents to join in an action which shall secure the object of his ambition is much more to the purpose Read, therefore, 'And how? *do you consent I*' *endeav'* your own good fortune?'

Seb. I remember 297
 You did supplant your Brothet *Prospero*
Ant. True
 And looke how well my Garments fit vpon me, 300
 Much feater then before · My Brothers seruants
 Were then my fellowes, now they are my men
Seb. But for your conscience
Ant. I Sir . where lies that ? If 'twere a kybe
 'Twould put me to my flipper . But I feele not 305
 This Derty in my bofome 'Twentie consciences
 That stand 'twixt me, and *Millaine*, candied be they, 307

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| 298 <i>Brothet</i>] F. | Dyce 11, 111, Huds |
| 300 <i>how well</i>] <i>how feat</i> Cap | 304 'twere] <i>it were</i> Steev Mal Var |
| 303 <i>conscience</i>] <i>conscience</i> ? Glo Wrt, | Sing Coll Hal Dyce 1, Sta |
| Wh 11, Dtn <i>conscience</i> ,— Theob et cet | 306 'Twentie] <i>Ten</i> Pope + |
| (subs) | 307 <i>That</i>] <i>Might</i> Jervis |
| 304–308 Lines end, <i>that</i> ? <i>flipper</i> | <i>stand</i>] <i>stood</i> Han |
| <i>bofome</i> Millaine, <i>molleſt</i> Brother | 307, 308 <i>candied molleſt</i>] <i>Candy'd</i> |
| Pope + | <i>were they, wou d melt ere they molested</i> |
| 304 <i>where</i>] <i>but where</i> Cap <i>and where</i> | Han |

300 *how well*] CAPELL's text here reads 'how feat', I can find no reference whatsoever to the change in his *Notes*, his *Various Readings*, or in his *Errata* It has entirely escaped the notice of every editor, I believe, from that day to this—ED

304 *kybe*] A chilblain, or chap in the heel

306, 307 'Twentie . . . stand] KEIGHTLEY (p 212) I must confess I do not understand this passage Surely, as he was, as he had just said, in actual possession of Milan, his conscience could not 'stand' between him and it Perhaps, however, we are to view 'stand' as in the conjunctive mood, and expressing a condition

306 'Twentie] ELZE, in a note on *Ham* II, 11, 160, has gathered (*Notes*, &c 1889, p 227–235) an interesting and valuable list of examples of the use of indefinite numbers, such as ten, twenty, forty.

306 consciences] WALKER (*Vers* 251) cites this in his list of examples of words ending in a plural sound which are to be pronounced the same in both singular and plural 'The termination *es*,' he says, 'was frequently added in writing, even where it was not pronounced'

307 *candied*] UPTON (p 202) We must read, *Discandy'd*, i e dissolved 'Discandy' and 'melt' are used as synonymous terms in *Ant & Cleop* IV, 11, 22 'Candied' is that which is grown into a consistency, as some sorts of confectionery ware. So in *Timon*, IV, 11, 225 —WARBURTON. That is, 'Ten consciences, now frozen up with cold, now dissolved with heat, should ne'er,' &c —JOHNSON. I think we may safely read, 'Candied be they or melt.' That is, let my conscience be dried up and lie unactive, or melt and run quite away [This was not repeated in the Variorum of 1773; in its place is the following] I had rather read 'Would melt, ere they molest.' That is, Twenty consciences, such as stand between me and my hopes, though they were congealed, would melt before they could molest me, or prevent the execution of my purposes —CAPE L That is, though they were 'candy'd,

And melt ere they mollest . Heere lies you¹ Brother, 308
 No better then the earth he lies vpon,
 If he were that which now hee's like (that's dead) 310
 Whom I with this obedient steele (three inches of it)
 Can lay to bed for euer : whiles you doing thus, 312

308 *And melt*] *Would melt* Johns 312 *whiles*] *whilst* Rowe Om
 conj Cap Pope+
your] *you* F₄

and (as is the nature of hard substances pressing upon the flesh) might be expected to give me trouble, yet, sooner than do so, they *would melt* [see Text Notes]. *Would* written by its abbreviation *W'd* might very easily pass into 'And,' with compositors who attended rarely to sense —MALONE 'Let twenty consciences be first congealed and then dissolved, ere they,' &c —KEIGHTLEY (p. 212) I do not see clearly the meaning of 'candied' and 'melt' in this place —PHILA SH SOC Antonio has in mind some expression for the conscience equivalent to Pope's ('The God within the mind,') and cites it only to express his contempt for the opinion—the demonstrative 'this,' in its power to indicate that which is talked about and at the same time despised, being quite like the Greek *ὅστος*. What follows exhibits a process of what Wordsworth terms the Dramatic Imagination. Antonio would naturally have said, that this 'Deity in the bosom,' which weak men prate about, would not (were the deed to do again) stand 'twixt him and Milan, as it had not before—that were twenty *such* gods to plant themselves in his way, they should be to him but so many *statues* of deities formed by congelation, and (like them) should melt, before they could molest him. But—under the influence of an imaginative seizure—the villain (who but pretends to ease of conscience) conceives of the gods, whom he affects to despise, as in living presence barring his way, and he exclaims *to* them (as if *of* them) 'candied be they and melt!' —PHILLPOTTS 'Candied' here seems to be 'turned to sugar so as to melt easily' —JEPHSON, however, gives to 'candied' an entirely different interpretation, suggested by Chaucer's description of the 'Poor Parson of a Town' in *Canterbury Tales* 'He waited after no pompe ne reverence, Ne maked him a *spiced conscience*,' which he explains as meaning that the Poor Parson's conscience was 'not sophisticated by the subtleties of casuistry, compared to far fetched spices, but guided by the plain words of Scripture. So here Antonio means, "If twenty consciences stood let them be candied,"—that is, sophisticated, then the word suggests another metaphor, and he continues,—"and melt away" A spiced or candied conscience, in short, means what we should call a "nice conscience"—a conscience that can justify anything by subtle distinctions' [I doubt if Antonio wished to hold any debate with his conscience, or to win it over by any subtle distinctions, it was entirely indifferent to him, twenty of them, let them be hard and let them be soft (for we have a right to suppose that 'melt' is an apocopated past participle), they would never molest him. —ED.]

310 (that's dead)] STEEVENS These words (as Dr Farmer observes to me) are evidently a gloss or marginal note, which had found its way into the text. Such a supplement is useless to the speaker's meaning, and one of the verses becomes redundant by its insertion [They are omitted in STEEVENS 1793, Var. '03, '13, and 'Whom I,' from the next line, inserted]

To the perpetuall winke for aye might put 313
 This ancient morfell this Sir Prudence, who
 Should not vpbraid our course for all the rest 315
 They'l take suggestion, as a Cat laps milke,
 They'l tell the clocke, to any bufinesse that
 We fay befits the houre.

Seb Thy case, deere Friend
 Shall be my president · As thou got'st *Millaine*, 320
 I'le come by *Naples* : Draw thy fword, one stroke
 Sha l free thee from the tribute which thou paieſt,
 And I the King fhall loue thee.

Ant. Draw together :
 And when I reare my hand, do you the like 325
 To fall it on *Gonzalo*.

Seb. O, but one word

Enter Ariell with Musicke and Song.

Ariel. My Maſter through his Art foreſees the danger
 That you (his friend)are in, and fendſ me forth 330
 (For elfe his proiect dies) to keepe them living.

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| 317, 318 <i>bufineſſe houre</i>] <i>hour</i> | 330 you (<i>his friend</i>)] <i>theſe, his</i> |
| <i>business</i> Farmer conj (ap Cam) | <i>friends</i> , Johns conj Steev '93 <i>you</i> |
| 327 O,] Om Pope, Han | <i>his friends</i> , Wh 11 <i>his yon friends</i> |
| [they talk apart Cap | Heath <i>yon, his friends</i> Wagner (Jhrb |
| 328 Enter] Re-enter Mal Ariel | xiv) |
| descends Coll MS | 331 <i>them</i>] <i>you</i> Han Quincy MS <i>thee</i> |
| with Song] invisible Cap | Hal conj Dyce, Clke, Rife, Huds |

314. *morsell*] WARBURTON ſubſtitutes *Moral*, 'that is,' he explains, 'this man of old fashioned honeſty', and Dr JOHNSON pronounced the ſubſtitution 'very elegant and judicious' Unqueſtionably, it is a happy ſuggeſtion, but there is not the ſmalleſt juſtification for its inſertion in a paſſage which is free from all difficulty—HOLT Used contemptuously, as in *Ham* III, iv, 102. 'A king of ſhreds and patches'—CAPELL This may have alluſion to Gonzalo's thin habit, as one reduc'd ſo by age that he was ſcarce a morſel to the devourer who was approaching—JOHNSON As we ſay a *piece of a man*

315 Should] Here uſed for *would* See line 189 above, or ABBOTT, § 322

316 ſuggeſtion] JOHNSON That is, any hint of villainy See IV, i, 30

316 as a Cat, &c] 'That is,' ſays HALLIWELL (p. 33), 'quietly' Rather, I think, readily, naturally.—ED.

326 fall it] For other inſtances of intransitive verbs uſed tranſitively, ſee Shakeſpeare *passim*, or ABBOTT, § 291

327 PHILA SH SOC This ſhould be punctuated, 'O, but—one word.' i. e. 'but' is not uſed here in the ſenſe of '*only* one word', it indicates that a difficulty had ariſen in the mind of Sebastian, to remove which he aſks for one word apart

Sings in Gonzalo's ear 332
While you here do snooring lie,
Open-ey'd Conspiracie
His time doth take . 335
If of Life you keepe a care,
Shake off slumber and beware 337

337 Shake off] Shake of F,

330, 331 you (his friend) . them] JOHNSON The sense of the passage as it now stands is this He sees *your* danger and will therefore save them . Ariel speaks to himself as he approaches "—That *these* his friends are in" *These*, written with a *y*, did not much differ from *you* —STEEVENS [who adopted Johnson's emendation] Ariel, finding that Prospero was equally solicitous for the preservation of Alonso and Gonzalo, very naturally styles them both his *friends* without adverting to the guilt of the former —MALONE thinks that the confusion arises from the lack of a single letter, *s*, he therefore turns 'project' into *projects*, and to justify the verb in the singular after it he, almost needlessly, adduces examples of similar construction, 'to keepe *them* living,' therefore, refers to *projects* This emendation Malone did not adopt in his text, but HALLIWELL adopted it as 'necessary to the construction of Ariel's speech' and 'as less violent than any other' On the supposition, concludes Halliwell, 'that Ariel was alluding especially to Gonzalo, "them" might be altered to *thee*, but on the whole [Malone's emendation] seems preferable'—This change of 'them' to *thee* occurred independently to DYCE, who adopted it in his text, with the following note 'As far as the phraseology is concerned we should be warranted in reading, "That you, his *friends*, are in to keep *them* living", for similar changes of person occur in some other passages of Shakespeare (and in our old writers, *passim*), but I cannot think (though Steevens thought otherwise) that Ariel, under any circumstances, would style Alonso one of Prospero's *friends*, when Prospero himself uses such terms as the following "The King of Naples, being an enemy To me inveterate," &c "Most cruelly Did thou, Alonso, use me and my daughter" Malone's [emendation] introduces what appears to me a rather awkward construction; besides, the plural *projects* is at variance with the language of two later passages in this play "Now does my *project* gather to a head," &c and "or else my *project* fails" The alteration which I have made here,—that of "them" to *thee*,—suggested itself, I find, to Mr Halliwell also' In 1863 Dyce added 'I now find that Hammer substituted "to keep *you* living" But, as various passages of our author show, there is not the least objection to *thee* and *you* in the same sentence'—STAUNTON pronounces Dyce's reading 'preferable to any alteration of the passage yet suggested, but we are not convinced that change is required' [It seems to have been generally assumed, owing to the directness of address, that Ariel whispers this in Gonzalo's ear. Capell is the solitary editor, I believe, who has marked it as an aside, wherein I think he is right Ariel soliloquises and is reviewing what he has to do, Gonzalo, the especial friend, is in imminent danger, and must be at once protected, and all of them must be kept alive, just as he had saved them in the tempest when not a hair perished This is in accord with what Dr Johnson intimated, and with what W. A. WRIGHT says, that 'Ariel is half apostrophising the sleeping Gonzalo and half talking to himself'—ED.]

Awake, awake

338

Ant Then let vs both be fodaine.

Gon. Now, good Angels preferue the King

340

Alo Why how now hoa , awake ? why aie you diawn ?

Wherefore this ghastly looking ?

Gon. What's the matter ?

Seb. Whiles we stood here securing your repofe,

(Iuen now) we heard a hollow burft of bellowing

345

Like Buls, or rather Lyons, did't not wake you ?

It flookke mine eare moft terribly.

Alo. I heard nothing.

Ant O, 'twas a din to fight a Monsters eare ,

To make an earthquake . fure it was the roare

350

Of a whole heard of Lyons.

Alo Heard you this *Gonzalo* ?

Gon. Vpon mine honour, Sir, I heard a humming,

(And that a ftrange one too) which did awake me .

I fhak'd you Sir, and cride as mine eyes opend,

355

I faw their weapons drawne : there was a noyfe,

339, 340 *Then Angels*] As one line,
Sta. Walker, Dyce, Cam

340 *Gon*] *Ariel* Hal conj

[They wake Rowe

341 *Alo*] *Gon* Hal conj

awake ?] *awake* ! Han

341, 342 Continued to Gonzalo
Sta

342 *this*] *this* Coll MS

343 *Gon*] *Alon* [waking] Sta Hal
conj

344 *Whiles*] *Whilst* Rowe *While*
Pope+

346 *did't*] *did it* Steev Mal Var
Knt, Coll Hal Sing Sta Ktly

347 *mine*] *mine* F₂

352 *Gonzalo* ?] Om Pope+

[To *Gonzalo* Johns

341, 342 *Why . . looking*] STAUNTON This speech is erroneously given to the king, as we think is evident from the language, the business of the scene, and from what Gonzalo presently says 'I heard a humming which did awake me, I shak'd you, sir, and cried,' &c. [This admirable emendation of Staunton DYCE adopted in his Second Edition, and added to its value by stage-directions, as follows]

Gon [waking]

Now, good angels

Preserve the king '—[To *Seb* and *Ant*] Why, how now '—[To *Alon*] Ho, awake '—

[To *Seb* and *Ant*] Why are you drawn ? wherefore this ghastly looking ?

Alon [waking] What's the matter ?

341 *drawn*] JOHNSON . Having your swords drawn

345, &c. PHILA. SH SOC . Dr KRAUTH called attention to the progressiveness of lying here displayed 1 Bellowing like bulls, or 2 rather lions 3 A din to fright a monster's ears 4. To make an earthquake. Then, 5 The bathos of the antich max, 'the roar of a whole herd of lions'

That's verily 'tis best we stand vpon our guard , 357
Or that we quit this place let's draw our weapons

Alo Lead off this ground & let's make further search
For my poore sonne. 360

Gon. Heauens keepe him from these Beasts
For he is sure i'th Island.

Alo Lead away. (done.

Ariell. *Prospero* my Lord, I shall know what I haue
So (King) goe safely on to seeke thy Son *Exeunt.* 365

Scæna Secunda

*Enter Caliban, with a burthen of Wood (a noyse of
Thunder heard)*

Cal All the infections that the Sunne suckes vp
From Bogs, Fens, Flats, on *Prosper* fall, and make him 5
By yench-meale a diseafe: his Spirits heare me,

357 *verily*] Ff, Rowe, Coll 1, Wh
Cam Glo Jeph Rife, Wrt *verity* Pope
et cet

'tis best we] 'Best Steev '93

upon our] on Pope+

362 [Exit with the others Dyce

364, 365 [Aside Cap

2 Changes to another part of the
Island Pope

5. [throwing down his Burthen Cap

357 *verily*] ABBOTT, § 78 We still say, 'that is *well*,' but, perhaps, no other adverb (except *soon*) is now thus used Shakespeare, however, has 'That's *verily*' in the *Tempest*, 'That's *worthily*,' *Cor.* IV, 1, 53; Lucius' banishment '*was wrongfully*,' *Tim* IV, iv, 16 Some verb, as *said* or *done*, is easily understood 'In harbour' has the force of a verb in '*Safely* in harbour Is the king's ship' [I, ii, 266, *ante* Pope's *verity* is doubtless good, Keightley pronounces it 'most certain,' but the foregoing examples are quite sufficient to justify the Folio—ED]—PHILA SH. SOC The quiet, dry sarcasm of Gonzalo He has heard no bellowing, only 'a humming' 'There was a noise, *That's verily*'—the fact sifted of the monstrous exaggerations

357. 'tis best we] STEEVENS As the verse would be too long by a foot if the words 'tis' and 'we' were retained, I have discarded them in favour of an elliptical phrase, which occurs in our ancient comedies as well as in our author's *Cymb* III, vi 25 'Best draw my sword,' i e *it were* best to draw it—DYCE Steevens was most probably right

361 *these Beasts*] PHILA SH. SOC A quiet thrust at the exaggeration, and an insinuation against Antonio and Sebastian Gonzalo's suspicion, aroused by Ariel's words, has been strengthened by finding Antonio and Sebastian with drawn swords, and by their extravagant inventions

6 *ynch-meale*] W A WRIGHT. The adverbial termination 'meal,' as in 'piece

And yet I needes must curse But they'll nor pinch, 7
 Fright me with Vrchyn-shewes, pitch me i'th mire,
 Nor lead me like a fire-brand, in the darke
 Out of my way, vnlesse he bid 'em, but 10
 For euery trifle, are they set vpon me,
 Sometime like Apes, that moe and chatter at me,
 And after bite me then like Hedg-hogs, which
 Lye tumbling in my bare-foote way, and mount
 Their pricks at my foot-fall · sometime am I 15
 All wound with Adders, who with clouen tongues
 Doe hisse me into madnesse: Lo, now Lo, *Enter*
 Here comes a Spirit of his, and to torment me *Trinculo*.
 For bringing wood in slowly: I'll fall flat,
 Perchance he will not munde me. 20
Tr. Here's neither bush, nor shrub to beare off any
 weather at all. and another Storme brewing, I heare it 22

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| 7 <i>nor</i>] <i>not</i> F ₃ F, Rowe+, Cap | 13 <i>after</i>] <i>after</i> , Johns |
| 10 <i>'em</i>] <i>them</i> Steev Var Knt, Hal. | 17 <i>Enter</i>] After line 20, Dyce |
| 12 <i>Sometime</i>] <i>Sometimes</i> Theob | 18 <i>and</i>] <i>now</i> Pope, Han <i>sent</i> Cam. |
| Warb Johns | 1 conj |
| <i>Apes</i>] <i>ape</i> Steev '85 (misprint?) | 22 <i>brewing</i>] <i>a-brewing</i> Ktly |

meal,' 'limb-meal,' is from the A S *malum*, the dative of *mal*, a part, used adverbially, both alone and in composition For 'limb-meal,' see *Cymb* II, iv, 147, 'O that I had her here, to tear her limb-meal' In the Wicliffite Version of Wisdom xviii, 25, we find 'hipyll-melum,' in heaps

8 Vrchyn-shewes] See I, ii, 385 PHILA SH. SOC That is, reels, dances, and various appearances of the Elves See *Parad Lost*, i, 780 'faery elves, Whose midnight revels some belated peasant sees, At once with joy and *fear* his heart rebounds' [Compare also Milton, *Comus*, 845 'Helping all urchin blasts, and ill-luck signs,' &c for another example of 'urchin' as an adjective —ED]

12, 13 that . . . which] ABBOTT, § 261 When the relative is necessarily emphatic, as at the end of a verse, we may sometimes expect *that* to be replaced by *which*, for that and no other reason [as in the present passage See also IV, i, 85, V, i, 41, 87]

12 moe] W A WRIGHT So Cotgrave, 'Mouē f A moe, or mouth, an (ill-fauoured) extension, or thrusting out, of the lips', and again, 'Grimacer To make a face, or a wry mouth, to mowe' Douce quotes from Harsnet's *Declaration of Popish Impostures* a passage in which he speaks of the supposed possession of young girls, 'They make anticke faces, grin, mow and mop like an ape, tumble like a hedgehogge,' &c

16 wound] JOHNSON Enwrapped by adders 'wound' or twisted about me

18 and] ABBOTT, § 96, calls attention to the emphatic use here of 'and,' equivalent to *and that to*

22 weather at all] PHILA SH. SOC Punctuate 'weather, at all' to indicate the

sing ith' winde: yond fame blacke cloud, yond huge 23
 one, lookes like a foule bumbard that would fhed his
 licquor: if it should thunder, as it did before, I know 25
 not where to hide my head yond fame cloud cannot
 choofe but fall by paile-fuls. What haue we here, a man,
 or a fish? dead or alieue? a fish, hee smels like a fish. a
 very ancient and fish-like smell. a kinde of, not of the 29

24 *foule*] *full* Upton, Jervis

24 *bumbard*] *bombard* Han

connexion 'there's no shrub *at all* to bear off any weather'—Worcester defines 'bear off' to carry away, but it seems to be rather a very Greek like example of *composition by Zeugma* or suggestive composition, in which the preposition belongs, not to the verb expressed, but to another which is understood and suggested. The meaning, in that case, will be there is no bush or shrub at all to receive and *bear* the heavy onset of the storm, and so to *keep it off* from me

24 *foule*] If Tyrwhitt's surmise (in *As You Like It*, III, iii, 35) be correct, which, I am afraid, it is not, that when Audrey 'thanks the gods she is foule,' her pronunciation of 'foule' was merely the rustic way of pronouncing *full*, then that same pronunciation might possibly be applicable here, as Upton conjectured. The blackness of the clouds suggested the bumbard, and their threatening aspect the fullness that was about to fall by pailfuls. The force of 'foule,' as in the text, is not at once apparent.—ED

24 *bumbard*] THEOBALD A large vessel for holding drink, as well as the piece of ordnance so called.—STEEVENS Ben Jonson, in his *Masque of Augurs*, speaks of 'a bumbard of broken beer'—HALLIWELL A very large leathern drinking vessel, used for the purpose of distributing liquor to a number of persons, or employed for filling smaller vessels at a meal. Heywood, *Philocthonista*, 1635, p. 45, gives the following notice of them 'Other bottles wee have of leather, but they are most used amongst the shepheards and harvest people of the countrey, small jacks wee have in many ale-houses of the Citie and suburbs, tupt with silver, besides the great black-jacks and *bumbards* at the Court, which when the Frenchmen first saw, they reported, at their returne into their countrey, that the Englishmen used to drinke out of their bootes' The 'bombard-man,' mentioned by Ben Jonson in his *Love Restored* (ed. 1616, p. 991), was, according to Gifford, one of the people who attended at the buttery hatch, and carried the huge cans of beer to the different offices. It will be remembered that Prince Henry calls Falstaff a 'huge bombard of sack', and Coles has, 'a bumbard, tankard, *cantharus*' [Several examples are added of the word in old authors.]

29 *fish-like smell*] STEEVENS (connecting this passage with 'Misery,' &c. in line 42) One would almost think that Shakespeare had not been unacquainted with a passage in Chapman's *Odyssey*, bk. iv 'the sea calves savour was So passing sowre.

It much afflicted us, for who can please To lie by one of these same sea-bred whales?' [We have been taught by the older commentators that Shakespeare was deficient in seeing and in hearing, they prove to us, by numberless examples, that he never trusted those faculties in himself, but always went for his allusions to: for his illustrations, to some older, or to some foreign, or to some classic authority. Would he have done so, by any possibility, had he been other than blind and deaf? His eyes and his ears we have been thus compelled to resign. But we did hope that when stale poor-johns were the theme Shakespeare would not be forced to seek an authority for

newest poore-Iohn a strange fish were I in *England* 30
 now (as once I was) and had but this fish painted, not
 a holiday-foole there but would giue a peece of siluer:
 there, would this Monſter, make a man: any ſtrange
 beaſt there, makes a man: when they will not giue a
 doyt to relieue a lame Begger, they will lay out ten to ſee 35
 a dead *Indian*. Leg'd like a man, and his Finnes like

31 *this*] *his* F₂

32 *a holiday*] *an holy-day* F₄, Rowe,
 Pope, Theob Han Warb

an ancient and fish-like smell, but could confidently follow his nose, that organ, at least, we trusted would be spared to us But even this hope, as we see above, Steevens has rudely brushed aside, and Shakespeare's nose is now for ever wiped away —Ed]

30 poore-Iohn] DYCE Hake, salted and dried

31 fish painted] The shining hour offered by this pointed allusion was busily improved by Steevens and Malone, who gathered many references to exhibitions of strange fishes in Shakespeare's time And Halliwell favours us, over and above, with a large picture of a 'gigantic owl' exhibited in 1591 —Ed

33 make a man] JOHNSON That is, make a man's fortune

35 doyt] HALLIWELL (p 34) quotes Coryat's *Crudities* to the effect that eight doits 'goe to a Stuer, and ten Stuers do make our English shilling'

35 lame] E A MEREDITH (p 5) I venture to suggest that Shakespeare wrote *live*, and not 'lame' The two words, if carelessly written, look very much alike, but *live* seems the natural and true word, and gives force to the contrast, viz that the English sight-seer would spend ten times as much on seeing a *dead* Indian as in relieving a *live* countryman

36 dead Indian] STEEVENS suggests that here and in Stephano's 'men of Inde' (line 63) we may have an allusion to the Indians brought home by Frobisher [This allusion we cannot afford to overlook, it is held by more than one of the disputants to be of great importance in settling the date of the composition of this play, through the discussion this dead Indian skips in so lively a manner that it is well to question him This has been done for us pretty thoroughly by Halliwell, who believes that Chalmers's dead Indian (see Appendix, *Date of Composition*), dying as he did in 1611, died too late, much too long after Trinculo's dead Indian From his session as Rhadamanthus, Halliwell rises with the belief that, as far as probabilities go, he has identified the Indian in life and in death, he has even discovered his name, nay, he even presents us with a picture in little of the man in his habit as he lived and accompanied by his wife. (I hope here be truths) It appears that Sir Martin Frobisher on two successive voyages brought home Indians His first venture ended in a down-right tragedy, when the savage who was to be taken home as a specimen 'founde himself in captiuitie, for very choler and disdain he bit his tong in twaine within his mouth, notwithstanding he died not thereof, but liued till he came in Englande, and then he died of colde which he had taken at sea' Frobisher's next venture in 1577 was more successful It consisted of a man, a woman, and a child The man unfortunately died at Bristol, but was taken to London, and afterwards buried in St Olave's church-yard This group attracted 'a great deal of attention,' says Halliwell, 'and appear to have been far more celebrated than the Indian brought over on the first

Armes warme o'my tloth I doe now let loofe my o-
pinion, hold it no longer, this is no fish, but an Island-
der, that hath lately suffered by a Thunderbolt. Alas,
the storme is come againe my best way is to creepe vn-
der his Gaberdine there is no other shelter herea-
bout. Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfel-
lowes. I will here shrowd till the dregges of the storme
be past.

Enter Stephano singing

45

Ste. I shall no more to sea, to sea, here shall I dye ashore.

39 [Thunder. Cap
43 *dregges*] *drench* Coll II, III (MS)
rage Bailey

45 Scene III Pope +
singing] singing, a Bottle in his
hand Cap

44 [Creeping under Cal Cap

voyage It is not improbable that the man's body was publicly shown in London, otherwise it would be difficult to account for its having been removed from Bristol, and as the poet's father was in the metropolis for a short time about this period, it is most likely an account of the "dead Indian" reached Shakespeare in one way or other, even if it were merely in the shape of a pictorial ballad. If we once begin to indulge in speculations founded on what is 'most likely' or on what is 'not improbable' (the besetting sin of all who deal with Shakespeare's biography), we might as well condense our notes on such a passage as the present to the remark that when Shakespeare referred to a dead Indian it is 'most likely' that he had seen one. Halliwell gives a wood-cut of the group, copied from a drawing preserved in a manuscript in the Library of Canterbury Cathedral, entitled *A booke of drawing of the shapes of diverse beasts, &c, by William Burch, 1590*. From this drawing we learn that the savage was called *Collinshough* and his wife *Agnol*—ED] 'On the whole,' concludes Halliwell, 'admitting it to be possible that Shakespeare alludes to some exhibition of a later date, yet as the body of the personage who came over in 1577 was the only "dead Indian" known to have been sent to London, the probabilities are at present in favour of Collinshough being the individual mentioned in *The Tempest*. The only other notice I am acquainted with, that is at all applicable, relates to the "mummied princes," which were amongst the sights of the city some years afterwards. It occurs in some verses written by Henry Peacham, about the year 1609, which gives a curious list of most of the popular exhibitions' [of the time. This list is also given by Staunton].

37, 38 let. . hold] PHILA SH SOC. 'I do now let loofe my opinion—hold it no longer'—Such should be the punctuation (a dash or dots,) to indicate, that the Jester, after having coined the unusual expression 'to let loose,' explains it by the usual one 'to hold'

41 Gaberdine] Cotgrave: '*Gaban* A cloake of Felt, for rainie weather, a Gabardine' See *Mer of Ven* I, III

43 dregges] COLLIER (see Text Notes) Trinculo could care little about the 'dregs' of the storm, it was from the violence of it that he wished to obtain shelter [Is it not strange that Collier did not see that 'dregs' refers to the liquor of the bum-bard, and that Trinculo was going to shroud himself until the very last drop of the storm was past?—ED]

- This is a very scurvy tune to sing at a mans 47
 Funerall: well, here's my comfort. *Drinckes.*
Sings The Master, the Swabber, the Boate-swaine & I,
The Gunner, and his Mate 50
Lou'd Mall, Meg, and Marrian, and Margerie,
But none of vs car'd for Kate.
For she had a tongue with a tang,
Would cry to a Sailor goe hang.
She lou'd not the fauour of Tar nor of Pitch, 55
Yet a Tailor might scratch her where ere she did itch
Then to Sea Boyes, and let her goe hang
 This is a scurvy tune too :
 But here's my comfort. *drinks*
Cal. Doe not torment me oh 60
Ste. What's the matter?
 Haue we diuels here?
 Doe you put trickes vpon's with Saluages, and Men of 63
- 47, 48 As prose, Pope 61, 62 One line, Pope
 51. and Marrian] *Marrian* Pope, 63 vpon's] vpon us Steev Mal Var
 Han Knt
 58, 59 One line, Pope Saluages] Ff savages Johns

47 scurvy] This disease, although by no means restricted to a sea-life, has been one of the most dreaded scourges of sailors from the days of Vasco da Gama, in 1497, down to the beginning of the present century—ED

49, &c ANON (*Sh a Seaman, St James's Mag* July, 1862) Has Shakespeare bequeathed us a sea-song? What think you of Ariel's song? If you object that it is not a *sailor's* sea-song,—not such a 'stave' as hardy tars would delight to sing on the fore-castle,—we can introduce from the same drama a genuine mariner's song. Stephano sings a certain jolly sea-song. Harken to the shrewd and diverting knave as he trolls away, bottle in hand, and monarch of all he surveys. There's good stuff in that song, the writer must have smelt salt water, snuffed the sea-breeze with a hearty relish, and often had his jacket wetted with the spray. The oldest sea-song with which we are acquainted is 'The Mariner's Song' in the comedy of *Common Condittons*, 1576, and the next oldest is 'The Mariner's Glee' in *Deutero melia*, 1609. As *The Tempest* was produced or written prior to the latter date, Stephano's ditty is possibly the second oldest sea-song extant.

63 Saluages] REED The Folio reads 'salvages,' and rightly. It was the spelling and pronunciation of the time.—DYCE So says worthy Isaac Reed,—who ought to have known that the Folio, like other books of that date, is quite inconsistent in its spelling, e.g. [I, ii, 417, *ante*] it has '*sauage*'; in *Love's Lab* L IV, iii, it has 'a rude and *sauage* man of Inde', and again in the same play, V, ii, 'That we (like *sauages*) may worship it'. In Shelton's *Don Quixote*, Part Sec. p. 261, ed. 1620, we find, 'four *Sauages* entred the garden,' &c, and six lines after, 'the Saluage replied,' &c

Inde ? ha ? I haue not scap'd drowning, to be afeard
 now of your foure legges : for it hath bin said ; as pro- 65
 per a man as euer went on foure legs, cannot make him
 giue ground : and it shall be said so againe, while *Ste-*
phano breathes at' nostrils

Cal The Spirit torments me . oh.

Ste This is some Monster of the Isle, with foure legs ; 70
 who hath got (as I take it) an Ague where the diuell
 should he learne our language ? I will giue him some re-
 liefe if it be but for that : if I can recouer him, and keepe
 him tame , and get to *Naples* with him, he's a Pre- 74

64 *afeard*] *afraid* F₄, Rowe+, Steev

'85

65 *bin said,*] *been said* F₄

68 *at' nostrils*] *at his nostrils* Rowe

11+ *at's nostrils* Wh Cam 1, Glo Jeph

Dyce 11, 111, Huds *at nostrils* Ff et cet.

63, 64 *Men of Inde*] PHILA SH SOC Cf 'Like as the man of Inde may
 change his skin'—*Jer* xiii, 23, Coverdale, Matthews, Cramer, Bishops —DEIGHTON
 thinks that 'savages and men of Inde' looks like a quotation

68 *at' nostrils*] WALKER (*Crit* 11, 176) The apostrophe is meant, I suppose, to
 indicate that it is a contraction of *at th' nostrils*, or, perhaps, *secundum Eboracenses*,
at t' nostrils—PHILA SH SOC Read 'at th' nostrils' = 'at the nostrils' There is
 also an apostrophe after the *t* (at') in *Wint Tale*, IV, iv, 693, 'at' Palace' This,
 without doubt, indicates the presence of a *the* with the vowel elided and the *th* pro-
 nounced (as even now in Yorkshire, according to Walker) like *t* (as in *t'other*) It
 would thus appear, that there was the same repugnance to duplicating the *t* in *pro-*
nunciation (and therefore sometimes in *writing*) as to that of the *s* observed by
 Walker—W A WRIGHT adds the following additional examples 'He foamed
 at mouth,' *Jul Cas* I, 11, 255, 'at gate,' *Cor* IV, 1, 47, 'at upper end o' the table'
Ib IV, v, 204

72 *should he learne*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc* p 34) An example of the use
 of 'shall' in what Guest (ap Craik *Jul Cas* sp 181) considers its primary sense, to
owe 'He should learn our language' = he *owes* (i e *ought*) to learn it But this
 affirms a *future* duty. 'Where should he learn our language?' would therefore mean,
 'where ought he to be in order to learn our language, which he *now* does not know?'
 But Stephano really says. 'He *speaks* our language' Where *can* he have *learned*
 it? The drunken butler has thus been guilty of an imaginative blending of two
 propositions and two times, precisely like that which the subtle mind of the Greeks
 produced in the idiom, of which Aristophanes, *Clouds*, 174 *Ἡσθην γαλέωτη παραχέ-
 σσαντι Σωμπάτους, gives a notorious specimen, i e the *real* time of the action expressed
 by the verb *learn* is so obviously fixed as *past* by the nature of the proposition, that it
 can be left to take care of itself, without any exponent, while the *form* of tense
 employed (viz. the *Present*) belongs to and indicates the *other* verb, which is shown
 by the facts of the situation to have been in the mind of Stephano, whose speech—
 kept in the shape of a single question—would be: 'Where the devil should he *have*
learned our language, so that he is *now speaking* it?'

fent for any Emperour that euer trod on Neates-leather 75

Cal. Doe not torment me 'prethee: I'le bring my wood home faster.

Ste. He's in his fit now; and doe's not talke after the wisest; hee shall taste of my Bottle. if hee haue neuer 80
drunke wine afore, it will goe neere to remoue his Fit:
if I can recouer him, and keepe him tame, I will not take
too much for him, hee shall pay for him that hath him,
and that soundly.

Cal. Thou do'st me yet but little hurt; thou wilt a- 85
nion, I know it by thy trembling Now *Prosper* workes
vpon thee.

Ste. Come on your wayes: open your mouth: here 88

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| 77, 78 Two lines of verse, Steev Dyce | verse (ending <i>hurt trembling thee</i>) |
| 11, 111 | Johns Dyce 11, 111 (ending <i>wilt trem-</i> |
| 79 <i>his fit</i>] <i>a fit</i> Rowe 11, Pope, Han | <i>bling thee</i>) Grey, Steev (ending <i>wilt</i> |
| 82 <i>I will not take</i>] <i>I cannot ask</i> | <i>now thee</i>) Ktly Two lines of verse |
| Han | (ending <i>anon thee</i>) Wh |
| 85-87 <i>Thou thee</i>] Three lines of | 86, 87 <i>thy thee</i>] <i>my me</i> Han |

77 *Doe not, &c*] GRANT WHITE (ed 1) Caliban always speaks in measured rhythm, but because his lines are sometimes irregular, and sometimes of more than five feet, many of his speeches have been printed as prose from the first edition to the present, in which all appear in the form of verse [White overlooked the fact that GREY (1, 19), in 1754, expressed the belief that 'everything that Caliban says, not only in this present Scene, but through the whole play, was design'd by the author for metre, either for verse, or Hemistics', and that Steevens, in 1793, and Reed in his two Variorums, 1803, 1813, exactly followed Grey's hint —ED.]

83 *too much*] STEEVENS This means, *any sum, ever so much* —MONCK MASON That is, I will not take for him even more than he is worth —RITSON Stephano evidently proposes to sell his monster for a good round price, which it would have been rather difficult for him to do if he were determined [according to Steevens] not to take *any sum, ever so much* for it He means that he could not rate his purchase too high. Let me, says he, get ever so much for him, it shall not be more than enough —QUINCY (*MS Corrections in a Fourth Folio*, p 7) Both words have been erased by the corrector, and the number 100 written in the margin That this number might have been easily mistaken for the word 'too' in the Manuscript, and the 'much' afterwards inserted as a common sequent, is all that can be said in its favour

86 *trembling*] STEEVENS This *tremor* is always represented as the effect of being possessed by the devil See *Com of Err* IV, iv, 54 'Mark how he trembles in his ecstasy' —W A WRIGHT See Harsnet's *Declaration of Popish Impostures* (1603), pp 58, 59, 'All the spirits with much adoe being commaunded to goe downe into her left foote, they did it with vehement trembling, and shaking of her leg'

88 *your wayes*] EDITOR of *Am Ed* 1805 (Qu Joseph Dennie?) The meaning of this expression appears to have escaped the attention of the various comment

is that which will giue language to you Cat, open your
mouth, this will shake your shaking, I can tell you, and 90
that foundly. you cannot tell who's your friend; open
your chaps againe

Tr. I should know that voyce
It should be,
But hee is dround, and these are duels, O de- 95
fend me.

Ste. Foure legges and two voyces, a most delicate
Monster. his forward voyce now is to speake well of
his friend, his backward voice, is to vtter foule speeches,
and to detract: if all the wine in my bottle will recouer 100
him, I will helpe his Ague. Come. Amen, I will
poure some in thy other mouth.

Tri. *Stephano.*

Ste. Doth thy other mouth call me? Mercy, mercy:
This is a duell, and no Monster: I will leaue him, I 105
haue no long Spooone

89 *you Cat*] *you, cat* Rowe *a cat* 98 *speake well*] *speake* Ff, Rowe,
Han *your cat* Cam 1 conj *yon cat* Pope, Han
Gould 99 *utter*] *spatter* Theob 11, Warb.
94, 95 Lines run on, Pope et seq Johns *sputter* Anon
94 *be,*] *be*— Ff

tators These words, as applied to Caliban, who is supposed to be lying on his face, must be understood 'Come on your *side*, open your mouth' &c The position of Caliban, not permitting him to drink from the bottle Stephano, in the phrase of a mariner, naturally addresses him 'Come on your *side*'

89 *Cat*] STEEVENS Alluding to the old proverb that 'good liquor will make a cat speak'

101. *Amen*] CAPELL A benediction pronounc'd for Caliban after his draught, then a third time administer'd—STEEVENS It means, stop your draught, come to a conclusion—W A WRIGHT That is, hold, stop!—HUDSON Stephano is frightened, and put to his religion, and *Amen*! is the best he can do towards praying HALLIWELL (p 37). This is altered to *again* in early MS in a copy of F₂, which was sold by one Sarah Jones in 1649, the MS notes apparently having been written previously to the latter date

106 *long Spooone*] CAPELL Meaning, he had not the heart to associate with him, as the Vice was made to do with the Devil in the ancient moralities; in which it was a piece of humour to make the Devil and him feed of the same custard or some such dish, the Devil on one side and the Vice on the other, with a 'spoon' of vast length These two furnish'd much the same sport in those times as is exhibited upon our stage by the Doctor, or Pierrot, and Harlequin A piece of drollery something like this was practis'd at their great city-feast, when the mayor enter'd upon his office, at which time his lordship's Fool was made to jump into a great custard

boord, by this Bottle which I made of the barke of
a Tree, with mine owne hands, since I was cast a'-
shore 130

Cal I'll sweare vpon that Bottle, to be thy true sub-
iect, for the liquor is not earthly.

St. Heere. sweare then how thou escap'dst 135

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| 130 <i>Bottle</i>] <i>bottle</i> ' Rowe | <i>rect</i> Ktly |
| 131, 132 <i>a'-shore</i> F ₂ | 134 [Kneeling Coll II (MS) |
| 133 [<i>Aside Sta</i> | 135 <i>thou escap'dst</i> ' <i>escap'dst thou</i> ? |
| 133, 134 Two lines, first ends <i>thy</i> | Pope+. |
| Steev Dyce II, III, Huds, first ends <i>sub-</i> | |

in support of this opinion is furnished by the French version of a proclamation for regulating the prices of wines, in 1633, where the expression *vins secs* corresponds with the word "sacks" in the original copy (Rymer's *Fœdera*, Tome VIII, Part IV, p 46) It may also be remarked that the term *sec* is still used as a substantive by the French, to denote a Spanish wine ("on dit aussi quelquefois absolument du *sec*, pour dire, du vin d'Espagne"—*Dict de Trevoux*), and that the dry wine of Xerez is distinguished at the place of its growth by the name of *vino seco* These several authorities, then, appear to warrant the inference that "Sack" was a dry Spanish wine But, on the other hand, numerous instances occur in which it is mentioned in conjunction with wines of the sweet class [To reconcile this discrepancy an elaborate examination here follows of the characters ascribed to Sack by the few writers who have described it, with a side reference to the general custom of the English to add sugar to their wines, which is generally considered a proof that the wines thus treated were dry] 'The conclusion at which we thus arrive is so far satisfactory, as it proves that the wines formerly known under the name of "Sacks," though they may, upon the whole, have been inferior, yet differed in no essential quality from those with which we are at present supplied by the same countries which originally produced them, and which are still held in such deserved estimation They probably first came into favour in consequence of their possessing greater strength and durability, and being more free from acidity than the white wines of France and Germany, and owed their distinctive appellation to that sub-astringent taste which characterizes all wines prepared with gypsum'—Henderson's *Hist of Ancient and Modern Wines*, pp 298–308 Cited by Dyce, *Gloss*

135 In both the First and the last Cambridge Editions the punctuation of this line by Pope is said to be 'swear then how escapedst thou' (In the last edition, 1891, 'escapedst' is properly corrected to 'escap'dst') In neither Pope's first nor in his second edition, that is, in my copies, is the line so punctuated, it reads 'swear then. how escap'dst thou?' This would not have been worth a second thought, and would have been set down to that percentage of misprints which is absolutely inevitable in every mortal book, had not DYCE, in both his second and third editions, quoted the line as from Pope with exactly the same punctuation and with even an additional variation Pope's line, in my copies, runs thus: '*St.* Here swear then, how escap'dst thou?' Dyce says 'Pope gave, "*St.* Here, swear, then: how escapedst thou?"' When the exactest of men thus print, it tempts one to suppose that, as with the Folios, so with Pope, different copies of the same date vary I felt quite assured

Tri. Swom ashore (man) like a Ducke: I can fwim 136
like a Ducke i'le be fworne.

Ste. Here, kisse the Booke.
Though thou canst fwim like a Ducke, thou art made
like a Goofe. 140

Tri. O *Stephano*, ha'ft any more of this?

Ste. The whole But (man) my Cellar is in a rocke
by th'fea-side, where my Wine is hid:
How now *Moone-Calfe*, how do's thine *Ague*?

Cal. Ha'ft thou not dropt from heauen? 145

Ste. Out o'th *Moone* I doe assure thee. I was the
Man ith' *Moone*, when time was.

Cal. I haue feene thee in her · and I doe adore thee:
My Mistris shew'd me thee, and thy Dog, and thy Bush. 149

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| 136 <i>Swom</i>] Ff, Rowe +, Cap | <i>swum</i> | 143, 144 Lines run on, Pope |
| Cam Glo Jeph Wrt, Wh 11, Dtn | | 148, 149 As verse, Steev |
| <i>swam</i> Mal et cet | | 148 <i>I haue</i>] F've Dyce 11, 111 |
| 137 i'le] Ff | | 149 and thy Dog, and thy Bush] thy |
| 138, 139 Lines run on, Pope | | dog and bush Steev '93 |
| 140 like] lye F. | | and thy Bush] and bush Knt |

of this when I found *Stephano*'s 'Marran,' line 51, recorded in the First Cambridge Edition, as given by Pope, *Mirian*. But 'Marran,' in the last edition, proves that *Mirian*, in the first, was a misprint, the supposition, therefore, that the copies of Pope vary, falls to the ground—ED—RITSON proposed that the line should be printed thus '*Ste* [*to Cal*] Here, swear then [*To Trin*] How escap'dst thou?' 'The speaker,' Ritson explains, 'would naturally take notice of Caliban's proffered allegiance. Besides, he bids Trinculo kiss the book after he has answered the question, a sufficient proof of the rectitude of the proposed arrangement' 'But,' says DYCE, 'Ritson's alteration is opposed by a portion of *Stephano*'s preceding speech "swear, by this bottle, how thou camest hither"'—BR NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 3d S ix, 27) *Stephano* having asked Trinculo to swear on the bottle how he had escaped, exemplifies precept by practice, and taking the oath himself and kissing the book explains how he got safe to shore. Then, in answer to the monster's offer of fealty, he swears him, and as Trinculo, thirsty and afraid of Caliban's swallow, would possess himself of the bottle, he repulses him with 'And swear then, how thou escap'dst'; before I give it to you, answer my former question. When Trinculo has explained, he also gets the book to kiss—DELIUS, however, with great plausibility, says that *Stephano* does not appear to hear the interruptions of Caliban, and that he first turns to him with the words 'How now, moon-calf?' line 144—HUDSON, also, believed the whole line to be addressed to Trinculo, 'as the whole context clearly requires it. Probably the transcriber or compositor supposed the speech addressed to Caliban, and sophisticated it into logical harmony with the idea by changing *man* [as Hudson reads in his text] into "then"'

147 *Man* ith' *Moone*] The mass of folk-lore which has gathered around this *man* is highly interesting, but is scarcely appropriate here—ED.

Ste Come, sweare to that kisse the Booke I will
furnish it anon with new Contents. Sweare 150

Tri By this good light, this is a very shallow Mon-
ster: I afraid of him? a very weake Monster:

The Man ith' Moone?

A most poore credulous Monster: 155

Well drawne Monster, in good sooth

Cal. Ile shew thee every fertill yench 'oth Island and
I will kisse thy foote. I prethee be my god.

Tri. By this light, a most perfidious, and drunken
Monster, when's god's a sleepe he'll rob his Bottle. 160

Cal Ile kisse thy foot Ile sweare my selfe thy Subiect.

Ste Come on then: downe and sweare

Tri. I shall laugh my selfe to death at this puppi-hea-
ded Monster: a most scurue Monster: I could finde in
my heart to beate him. 165

Ste. Come, kisse

Tri. But that the poore Monster's in drinke.

An abhominable Monster.

Cal. I'll shew thee the best Springs. I'll plucke thee
Berries: I'll fish for thee; and get thee wood enough. 170

A plague vpon the Tyrant that I serue;

I'll beare him no more Stickses, but follow thee, thou

wondrous man. 173

151 *with new*] *with the new* Ff,
Rowe 1.

Contents] *Contexts* Daniel

153 *weake*] *shallow* Ff, Rowe+.

154-156 Lines run on, Pope

156 *drawne*] *sworn* Daniel

157, 158 Two lines of verse, Johns

157 *thee*] *the* F₃F₄

Island] *Ile* Ff, Rowe+, Cap
Steev.'85

158 *I will*] Om Ritson, Steev.'93.

I'll Dyce

160 *when's*] Ff, Rowe 1, Wh Dyce,
Sta Cam Glo Jeph Rlse, Dtn *when*
his Rowe 11 et cet

162 [*Cal* lies down Coll 11 (MS)

165 *him*] *him*—Pope et seq (subs)

167, 168 Lines run on, Pope et seq

169, 170. *I'll shew Berries*] One line,
Pope et seq

172, 173 *thou. man*] One line, Pope
et seq.

149 My Mistris] A corroborative proof that the Folio is right in giving to
Miranda the lines I, 11, 413-424 She there tells Caliban that in the days of his
innocency she 'taught him each hour one thing or other'—ED

159, 160. perfidious . . . rob] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc.*): Caliban, apparently,
while he speaks of kneeling to kiss Stephano's foot, makes such demonstrations that
Trinculo thinks it all a mere trick to get the bottle. Hence the 'perfidious' and the
'robbing'

Tr. A most ridiculous Monster, to make a wonder of
a poore drunkard 175

Cal. I 'prethee let me bring thee where Crabs grow,
and I with my long nayles will digge thee pig-nuts;
show thee a Iayes nest, and instruct thee how to snare
the nimble Marmazet I'll bring thee to clustring
Philbirts, and sometimes I'll get thee young Scamels 180
from the Rocke: Wilt thou goe with me?

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| 176-181 Lines end, <i>grow</i> , <i>pig-nuts</i> , <i>how bring thee get thee me?</i> Pope | Warb <i>Sea-malls</i> Han <i>Sea-mells</i> Mal Kily <i>sea-mells</i> Steev '93, Var C Clke |
| et seq | <i>Stamels</i> Theob conj Huds <i>muscles</i> |
| 178 <i>Iayes</i>] <i>Jay's</i> F ₃ F ₄ | Wilson <i>chamals</i> or <i>stamels</i> Ingleby (ap |
| 179 <i>Marmazet</i>] <i>marmoset</i> Cap | Cam) <i>comes</i> Kinnear |
| 180 <i>Scamels</i>] Ff <i>Shamous</i> Theob | 181 <i>Rocke</i>] ock Pope 1, 11 |

176 Crabs] Of course, the apple of that name

177 pig-nuts] GRINDON (*Sh Flora*, p 265) Shakespeare here gives preference to the less usual, though quite as suitable, English name of that very pretty and interesting plant, the *Bunium flexuosum* [*Chenopodium denudatum*, ap Ellacombe] of the botanists In England, in its way, the pig-nut is unique The aerial portion reminds one of hemlock, of which, indeed, this plant is a near ally, only that every part is in miniature, and that the umbels, before blooming, are pendulous The usual height of the stem is about fifteen inches Below the surface of the ground it bends to and fro in the most curiously irregular manner, diminishing in thickness at every turn, till at last we reach the round, brown nut, white inside, and of a pleasant nutty flavour. There is no pulling it up by force Shakespeare had learned in his boyhood that the pig-nut is won alone by patience and perseverance

178 Iayes nest] See V, i, 104

179 Marmazet] W A WRIGHT The animal known at present by this name is a native of South America, but the word is found in the language long before the discovery of America. In Maundevile's *Travels* (ed Halliwell, 1866), p 210, we read, 'In that Hille and in that Gardyn, ben many dyverse Bestes, as of Apes, Marmozettes, Babewynes, and many other dyverse Bestes' The following definition occurs in an early Latin and English Dictionary, Bibliotheca Eliotæ (1548) 'Cercopithecus, an ape with a taile, called a marmoset'

180 Philbirts] ELLACOMBE (p 87) Dr Prior has decided that 'Filbert' is a barbarous compound of *phillon* or *feuille*, a leaf, and *beard*, to denote its distinguishing peculiarity, the leafy involucre projecting beyond the nut But in the times of Shakespeare the name was more poetically said to be derived from the nymph Phyllis The Nut, the Filbert, and the Cobnut are all botanically the same, and the two last were cultivated in England, long before Shakespeare's time, not only for the fruit, but also, and more especially, for the oil [The derivation is uncertain]

180 Scamels] THEOBALD Shakespeare must certainly either have wrote *Shamous*, i e young kids, or *Sea-malls* The *Sea-mall*, or *Sea-mell*, or *Sea-mew* (according to Willoughby) is that bird which is call'd *Larus cinereus minor*, it feeds on fish and frequents the banks of lakes It is not impossible, but our Poet might here intend this bird Or again (and which comes near to 'Scamel' in the traces of the Letters)

[180 Scamels]

Ray tells us of another bird, call'd the *Scannel*, of the Hawk species. It is no matter which of the three readings we embrace, so we take a word signifying the name of something in Nature—HOLT (p. 57) The shell fish, called the Limpet, are called in some countries *Scams*, they are found on the Rocks, and are by many reckoned delicious food, and from these Shakespeare might take the liberty to form a diminutive, and make his word 'Scamels'—SIEEVENS. An *e*, by careless printers, was easily changed into a *c*, and from this accident, I believe, all the difficulty arises, the word having been spelt by the transcriber *seamels*. Had Holt told us in what part of England *limpets* are called *scams*, more regard would have been paid to his assertion. I should suppose, at all events, a *bird* to have been design'd, as *young* and *old fish* are taken with equal facility, but *young birds* are more easily surprised than *old ones*. Besides, Caliban had already offered to 'fish' for Stephano—MALONE. In Lincolnshire, as I learn from Sir Joseph Banks, the name *sea-mall* is applied to all the smaller species of gulls.—In the *Shakespeare Society's Papers*, III, 170, J. AILIES proposed as a possible conjecture the word *samol*, the name of a plant, referred to in Whitaker's *Hist. of Manchester*, II, 130, as a 'peculiar favourite of the Druids,' and which was 'probably the seamar, or wild trefoil, to which the Irish Britons pay a particular attention at the present day, wearing it in their hats on St Patrick's Day under the diminutive appellation of seamrog'—HUNTER (I, 155). To Theobald's suggestions may be added *samphire* and *squirrel*. *Sea mew* may seem the most probable, 'scamel,' *seamel*, *sea-mew*, as Melrose is, in popular speech, *Mewrus*—ANON (*Gent Mag.* June, 1844). The true reading, we think, is that which has escaped all commentators, viz. *seagell*. 'Δάρος, gavia, a seacob or seagell,' see *Avium principum historia* per G. Turnerum, 1544. The seagull or seamew in Suffolk is always called the 'seacob,' therefore the *seagell* is the common seamew. [The same contributor, a year later, in June, 1845, upheld this emendation on the ground that] 'Caliban was a gross sensual monster, whose belly was his god, all, therefore, he promised to give Trinculo were things that could be eaten, pignuts, young jays, marmozets, filberds, and young sea-gulls, but no one would think of hawks as provender [this is an allusion to Dyce's *stamel*—ED], except the Knight in Boccacio' [Dyce answered this criticism by asking, in his subsequent edition, 'did Caliban mean that his new friend should eat "the nimble marmoset"?' The thrust would have been driven closer home, I think, if Dyce had asked whether Caliban expected Stephano to eat jays-nests—ED]—KNIGHT. We believe there is no such word as *sea-mell* or *sea mall*, although there is *sea-maw* or *sea-mew*—DYCE, in his *Remarks* (p. 5), proposed *stamels*, unaware that Theobald had in fact anticipated him, he became aware of it, however, before his edition of Shakespeare appeared, and, as he incorporated in a note in that edition his former 'Remarks,' that note is here substantially given. "Scamels" has been explained as the diminutive of *scams*, and as meaning *limpets*. But I have little or no doubt that it is a misprint, for who gathers *young limpets*? and, besides, the words "from the rock" would seem to be equivalent to *from the cliffs*. Of Theobald's conjecture, *stannels*, I was not aware when in my *Remarks*, &c. I wrote as follows. Knight is mistaken in supposing that there is no such word as *sea-mall*. R. Holme, after describing the *Sea-mew*, has a separate article on "The *Sea Mall*, the bill white, but yellow towards the tip, bending," &c.—*Academy of Armory*, 1688, II, 262. But though there is undoubtedly such a word as *sea-mall*, and though perhaps there is also such a word as *sea-mell*, it by no means follows that "scamels" (*without a hyphen and with a*

Ste. I pre'thee now lead the way without any more 182

182 Ste] Cal Ff

single l) should be a misprint for either *sea mall's* or *sea mells*. Qy is the right reading *staniels*? In the first place, *staniels* comes very near the trace of the old letters. Secondly, *staniels* accords well with the context, "from the rock", for the "Kestrel, Stannel, or Windhover" is one of our most common species [of Hawks], especially in the more *rocky situations and high cliffs on our coasts, where they breed*"—Montagu's *Ornith Dict*. Thirdly, in another passage of Shakespeare, where nobody doubts that the genuine reading is *staniel*, all the old eds exhibit the gross misprint *stallion*. "And with what wing the *stallion* checks at it!"—*Twel Night*, II, v.—WHITE (ed 1). The question is not of great consequence, and the original word is quite as likely to be right as either of those which it has been proposed to substitute.—JOURDAIN. I propose to read *scalions* (*Scalion*, chibboll, or yong ciue—Minsheu, 1617), or *sarcel*, which I find in Phillips's *New World of Words*, 1678. Minsheu gives *sarcelle* as the French for Teal, and Cotgrave '*Cei celle* (The water fowle called) a Teale', so that *sarcel*s may be the word we want.—REV JOHN HUNTER. I prefer to trust *staniels* as the true reading, because *staniel* was a common name for a light-red colour, and might designate some bird of that colour.—HARTING (p 269). It is evident that the sea-mall, sea-mew, or sea-gull is intended, the young birds being taken before they could fly. Young sea-gulls were formerly considered great delicacies, and in the old 'Household Books' we often find such entries as the following: 'Item, it is thought goode that Sea-gulles be hade for my Lordes own mees and non other, so they be goode and in season, and at jd apece, or jd ob at the moste'—MEISSNER (p 141) having found in Strachey's *True Repertory*, &c, printed in Purchas, an account (p 1741) of some birds which 'for their blindnesse (for they see weakly in the day) and for their cry and whooting we called the *Sea Owle*,' suggests that *sea-owls* might be preferable even to Theobald's *sea-mells*, especially since 'Ariel seems to refer to these *sea-owls* in the line: "There I couch when *owls* do cry"'.—W A. WRIGHT. There is reason to suppose, as Caliban says 'sometimes,' that the word must be the name of a bird, and Mr Stevenson, in his *Birds of Norfolk*, II, 260, tells us that the female Bar-tailed Godwit is called a 'scamell' by the gunners of Blakeney. But as this bird is not a rock-breeder, it cannot be the one intended in the present passage if we regard it as an accurate description from a naturalist's point of view. We must suppose therefore either that the description is not strictly accurate, or that in Shakespeare's time the word 'scamel' may have had a wider application.—BULLOCH (p 21). 'Scamels' is more likely to have been a coinage put into the mouth of Caliban, a generic term signifying different creatures, birds or quadrupeds, frequenters of rocky heights, and named by him as *scambles*, from the verbs *scamble* and *scambling*.—J D (*N & Qu* 5th S. XII, 5, 1879) maintains that the original word is right and of Scandinavian origin. In old Norse, *skama* means a pod or husk, but primarily a shell, and 'scamel' will mean a little shell.... We shall not be far wrong if we identify it with the limpet. I propose, therefore, to read: 'Young limpets from the rock'.

181 *Rocke*] If we, at this late day, are puzzled over 'scamels,' can we picture the amazement which must have filled the souls of our forebears when they read in Pope's edition, both the first and the second, that not only did Caliban propose to get *scamels*, but they were to be 'scamels from the ock'!—ED

talking. *Trinculo*, the King, and all our company elfe 183
 being dround, wee will inherit here. Heie, beare my
 Bottle: Fellow *Trinculo*, we'll fill him by and by a- 185
 gaine.

Caliban Sings drunkenly.

Farewell Master, farewell, farewell.

Tri. A howling Monster: a drunken Monster

Cal No more dams I'll make for fish, 190

Nor fetch in firing, at requiring,

Nor scrape trenchering, nor wash dish,

Ban' ban' Cacalyban

Has a new Master, get a new Man 194

188 In Italics, or as part of Caliban's Hal Sing Dyce, Cam Glo Jeph Sta
 song, Rowe u et seq C Ulke, Dtn

192 trenchering] trencher Pope+, 193 Cacalyban] Ca Caliban Cap

184 CAMBRIDGE EDITORS (1863) Before 'here, bear my bottle' Capell inserts a stage-direction ['To Cal'], but it appears from III, ii, 68, that Trinculo was entrusted with the office of bottle bearer—1891 Dr Nicholson thinks that in this scene Trinculo had a bottle of his own—DYCE, after quoting the foregoing note as it appeared in the First Cambridge Edition, adds 'Perhaps so But in a still later scene Trinculo talks of "our bottles"' [See Stage Directions, III, ii, Textual Notes]

188 Farewell, &c] COLLIER It may be questioned whether Caliban is to sing these words, and in the old copies they are not printed in Italic type, like his song, although we have the stage-direction [to that effect] Neither is the line in the same measure as his song

192 trenchering] RIFSON (p 6) The word is not so very improper [as to be discarded for *trencher*] *Housing* is one of the same kind Rightly *trencheren*, *housen* The participle *beholden* is, by a similar mistake, everywhere, in the old editions, *beholding*—DYCE (*Remarks*, p 5) Read *trencher* That 'trenchering' is an error of the printer (or transcriber), occasioned by the preceding words 'firing' and 'requiring,' is beyond a doubt.—WHITE Surely [the editors who read *trencher*] must all have forgotten that Caliban was drunk, and after singing 'firing' and 'requiring,' would naturally sing 'trenchering' There is a drunken swing in the original line which is entirely lost in the precise, curtailed rhythm of [the emended line]

193 Ban'] MALONE, instigated probably (though he does not say so) by Capell (*Notes*, vol 1, pt ii, p 183), says that 'perhaps our author remembered a song of Sir Philip Sidney's "Da, da, da—Deridan"' If Shakespeare did remember it, his memory partially deserted him, it recalled only about a quarter of the jargon, which, in full, is 'Fa la la la leridan, dan dan dan deridan, Dan dan dan deridan deridan dei'—*Arcadia*, p 486, ed 1598, as the song is there said to be written 'To the tune of a Neapohtan Villanell,' let us hope that the music imparted a charm which the unaccompanied words cannot be said to possess Caliban's words are not a refrain, but the effect of his intonation—ED

194 get a new Man] CAPELL Before [these words] supply *Old master*; he explains it in action by a contemptuous throwing out of his arm towards Prospero's

Freedome, high-day, high-day freedome, freedome high-day, freedome. 195

Ste. O braue Monfter, lead the way *Exeunt.*

Actus Tertius. Scæna Prima.

Enter Ferdinand (bearing a Log)

Fer. There be some Sports are painfull, & their labor
Delight in them fet off. Some kindes of baseness
Are nobly vndergon; and most poore matters 5
Point to rich ends: this my meane Taske
Would be as heauy to me, as odious, but
The Mistris which I serue, quickens what's dead,
And makes my labours, pleasures. O She is
Ten times more gentle, then her Father's crabbed; 10
And he's compos'd of harshness. I must remoue
Some thousands of these Logs, and pile them vp,
Vpon a fore iniunction; my sweet Mistris
Weepes when she sees me worke, & faies, such basenes
Had neuer like Executor: I forget: 15
But these sweet thoughts, doe euen refresh my labours,

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| 195 <i>high-day</i>] <i>hey day</i> Rowe | 7 <i>as</i>] <i>as 'tis</i> Pope+, Cap Dyce II, |
| 2 Prospero's Cave Pope Before Pros- | III |
| pero's Cell Theob | 11 <i>remoue</i>] <i>move</i> Pope+ |
| 3 &] <i>but</i> Pope+, Steev | 15 <i>Executer</i>] <i>executer</i> Theob Warb |
| 4 <i>set</i>] <i>sets</i> Rowe et seq | Johns |
| 5 <i>most poore</i>] <i>most poor</i> Warb | 16 <i>labours</i>] <i>labour</i> Theob Han |
| 6, 7 <i>Point Would be</i>] One line, | Warb. Johns Hal Sing Sta Dyce II, |
| Pope+, Cap Dyce II, III | III, Hunter, Huds Kinnear |

cell—STEEVENS When Caliban sings this last part of his ditty, he must be supposed to turn his head scornfully towards the cell of Prospero, whose service he had deserted [As will be seen, Steevens merely echoes Capell, as so often happens, but in this case I doubt if the words apply to Prospero I think the second 'get' is used in the sense of *become* He has a new master, and will become a new man—ED]

3 *be*] In a majority of cases the use of 'be' is determined, I think, by euphony See ABBOTT, § 300, and for the common omission of the relative before 'are' compare a line quite parallel to this, I, II, 533. 'There's nothing ill can dwell,' &c, or see ABBOTT, § 244

3 *painfull*] PHILA SH SOC Not such as cause pain or distress, but such as require the player to take pains or employ labour.

3, 4 MALONE Cf 'The labour we delight in physicks pain'—*Macb* II, III, 55

3-16 *their labor . . . my labours*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc* p 36) The ques

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tion,—and it is a perplexing one,—is, which is the Nom to ‘set off’—‘labour’ or ‘delight’? *First*, it may be ‘labour’, and then the meaning will be, ‘The labour (pains) of the sports is a foil to, and thus *sets off* (i.e. heightens, brings out), the *delight*, which is taken in them’ This is favoured by the ‘and,’ which may thus retain its natural force, and is not made to do duty for the adversative *but*, as also by the fact, that such is the sense, in which ‘set off’ is most frequently used by Shakespeare *E.g.* ‘like bright metal on a sullen ground, My reformation Shall show more goodly Than that which hath no foil to *set it off*’—*1 Hen IV* I, 11, 204 ‘If the prince put thee into my service for any other reason than to *set me off*’—*2 Hen IV* I, 11, 13 ‘It is place, which lessens and *sets off*’—*Cymb* III, 11, 13 On the other hand, the sequence of Nom, Acc, Verb appears to be less natural than Acc, Nom, Verb But if this construction be accepted, the reading ‘labours set off’—inasmuch as it removes all ambiguity—is more likely to be the true one, than ‘labour sets off’ *Secondly*, ‘delight’ may be the Nom, and then the meaning must be, either (a) ‘delight [in the sports] sets off, like an ornament, the labour, which accompanies them,’ or (b) ‘delight [in the sports] cancels, removes, is a *set off* against, the labour’ Shakespeare has ‘set off’ once, at least, in the former sense (a) ‘He hath a kind of honour *sets him off*, More than mortal seeming’—*Cymb* I, vi, 170 But this would be making labour the principal, and delight a mere accessory, in sports. In the latter sense (b) ‘set off’ occurs two or three times *E.g.* ‘By my hopes, The present enterprise *set off* his head, I do not think a braver gentleman. is now alive’—*1 Hen IV* V, 1, 88 (Here ‘set off’=taken from his account, says Steevens) ‘And wherein It shall appear, that your demands are just, You shall enjoy them, everything *set off* That might so much as think you enemies’—*2 Hen IV* IV, 1, 143. The strongest argument, however, in favour of construing ‘delight’ as the Nom, is derived from observing the manner in which the same proposition, so understood, recurs in the speech. Let the skeleton be printed thus, to indicate what sentences are parallel

‘There be some sports are painful, and THEIR LABOURS

DELIGHT IN THEM SETS OFF *some kinds of base/ness*

Are nobly undergone, and most-poor matters

Point to rich ends This my mean task

Would be as heavy to me, as odious, but

THE MISTRESS WHICH I SERVE QUICKENS WHAT’S DEAD

AND MAKES MY LABOURS PLEASURES ———

I forget

BUT THESE SWEET THOUGHTS DO EVEN REFRESH MY LABOURS’

That is: When, to *illustrate* his proposition by repeating it under other forms, Ferdinand says, *First*, that his *mistress quickens* what’s dead, *Secondly*, that his *mistress makes pleasures* of his *labours*, *Thirdly*, that his *sweet thoughts* of Miranda do even *refresh his labours*, we can hardly doubt, that such proposition lay in his mind under the corresponding form of ‘the delight, which I am experiencing, cancels my labours’ If against this apparently decisive argument it be urged, that in that case ‘and’ becomes unwarrantably equivalent to *but* (as Pope and others have, in fact, written it), it may be replied, that where the two propositions were at once *felt* to be *adversative*, Shakespeare might choose (after the manner of the *Parataxis* or Coordination so

Most busie left, when I doe it.

Enter Miranda

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17 *Most busie left*,] Cam Glo Wrt, Wh 11 *Most busie left*, Ff, Rowe, Knt 11 *Least busie* Pope, Han *Most busie less*, (or *busy-less*, or *busiless*) Theob Warb Johns Cap Steev Mal Var Sing 1, Knt 1, Hal Dyce 11, 111, D¹¹ *Most busy, least* Heath, Coll Dyce 1, C Clke, Hunter, Furnivall, Rlfe *Most busiest* Holt, Sing 11, Wh 1, Kinnear,

Irving *Most busied* Beisly (N & Qu 3d S v, 229) *Most busy lost* Whistler (N & Qu 3d S viii, 432) Line omitted, Cartwright conj

17 *Most it*] *Most busy left when idlest* Cam 1 conj Jeph *Most busyhest when jaded* Bulloch (N & Qu July, 1876) *Most busily then I do it*, or *Most lustily then I'll to it* Orger

frequent in Homer) to dispense with a special exponent of the relation and to make use of a mere *connective*—As I had proposed to write *labors* for 'labor,' if a Nom, to do away with all ambiguity, so I have given 'labours' Acc (along with 'fets off' Sing) with the same view It is an easy emendation—the loss of a final s, at the end of a line, being an ordinary misprint Besides, Shakespearian Grammar seems almost imperatively to require it Cf post III, 111, 88 'Your fwords are now too maffy for *your strengths*' And so *everywhere* the Poet expresses himself *collectively* and not (as we should do) *distributively*

5 *most poore matters*] PHILA SH Soc This may be understood either as the superlative of 'poor,' equivalent to 'matters most poor' [see Warburton, Text Notes], or it may be equivalent to 'the greater part of poor matters' 'Matters' (equivalent to πράγματα), not *things, objects*, but *transactions, operations*

8 *which*] ABBOTT, § 265 'Which' is often used for *that* where the personal antecedent is vocatively used or preceded by the article [as here Compare I, 11, 414 'Abhorred slave, Which,' &c]

13 *sore iniunction*] PHILA SH Soc That is, 'upon an *injunction* laid upon me under a *sore* penalty'

15-17 I forget . doe it] This passage has received a greater number of emendations and staggers under a heavier weight of comment than, I believe, any other in Shakespeare, not excepting even Juliet's 'runaways eyes', and yet the passage is by no means incomprehensible as it stands, in fact, one can scarcely read it, or hear it, without at once apprehending its drift It is, possibly, to this clearness that all the attention bestowed upon it, is due When an ailment is on the surface and is manifest, there is no lack of infallible nostrums It is to be regretted that the wise words of Dr Johnson have been so little heeded. 'In perusing a corrupted piece,' says that great man, 'an emendatory critic must have before him all possibilities of meaning, with all possibilities of expression Such must be his comprehension of thought and such his copiousness of language Out of many readings possible, he must be able to select that which best suits with the state, opinions, and modes of language prevailing in every age, and with his author's particular cast of thought and turn of expression Such must be his knowledge and such his taste Conjectural criticism demands more than humanity possesses, and he that exercises it with most praise has very frequent need of indulgence' Be this indulgence granted in advance, and an act of such heroic charity will e'en refresh our labours in wading through the following pages A majority of the emendations is really concerned only with the three words, 'most busie lest,' but I have deemed it best to include, chronologically under these words, comments and emendations of the whole sentence—POPE changed the words of the Folios into 'Least busie when I do it,' and contented himself with

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recording 'Most busy least' at the foot of the page, and was duly followed by HANMER, his solitary admirer, who, in addition, substituted *Nay* at the beginning of line 16 instead of 'But'—To THEOBALD is due an emendation which, of all that have been proposed, has received by far the largest number of followers. His text reads 'I forget, But these sweet thoughts do ev'n refresh my labour, Most busie-less, when I do it', his modest note thereon states that 'the corruption [of the Folio] is so very little remov'd from the truth of the text, that I can't afford to think well of my own sagacity for having discover'd it'—Dr JOHNSON adopted it,—not only adopted it, but actually incorporated *busyless* in his *Dict* as Shakespeare's own word, Johnson's latest editor, LATHAM, strongly condemns it, however, as a derivation 'The proper use of *less* is,' says the latter, 'to stand as an affix to a substantive, denoting the absence of the character which that substantive suggests. *Noiseless* means "without noise," and the strictly grammatical compound meaning "without business" is the awkward word *business-less*, there being not only no such substantive as *busy*, but a good reason against coining one, viz the fact of *-y* = Anglosaxon *-ig*, being a characteristic adjectival ending'—The first antagonist of *busie-less* was HOLT 'If,' he said (p 58), 'Ferdinand was busy less in his labour, i e if his work consisted in doing nothing, he stood in no need of these sweet thoughts to refresh him under the pressure, and if his thoughts were busy-less during his labour, they contributed nothing to his refreshment, so that let [these editors] make their *Busy-less* an adjective to either "thoughts" or "labour," and to one of them it must be, or it is useless in the sentence, it conveys no clearer idea than the old reading. But why may not this passage be understood thus. But these sweet *least* thoughts (of Miranda his mistress) do even refresh my *most busy* labour, when I do it. Though 'tis not impossible but the original was a double superlative, which was no uncommon mode of expression in those days, and then it may stand thus "*Most busiest* when I do it," which may signify either, those thoughts being *most busy* when he is at work, or that they refresh his *busiest* or greatest labour when he does it'—HEATH is 'persuaded that the [text of the Folios] is genuine, and wants no other assistance than that of a comma after the word "busy." The sense of the passage then is "I forget myself, and while the thoughts of my mistress employ my whole attention, the business enjoined on me suffers by the delay, but upon recollection, this is really not the case, for I find such refreshment from those sweet thoughts that I am most busy when I am employed in them, and my labour is more advanced by the alacrity with which they inspire me, than retarded by the delay which they occasion. I am in truth more effectually completing the task set me by these intervals of interruption than if I were incessantly at work about it, as I am thereby enabled to exert myself with double vigour whenever I resume it." If any one is offended with the inverted order of the words "*least* when I do it" for "*when least* I do it," he is at liberty to alter accordingly if he pleases. For my own part, I am inclined to believe Shakespeare left us the text in the order it now stands.'—CAPELL, who adopted Theobald's emendation, believes that a paraphrase can alone give a 'full conception of the passage at large, which take in these words. I talk and quite forget my task, Yet I will think of her too, for those sweet thoughts lighten my work; and when I am most employ'd in it, thinking of her I scarce feel that I'm employ'd in 't at all, am least engag'd by my business (most unengag'd by it) when engag'd by such thinking. The sentiment 'twill be allow'd is most natural, but that the expressions convey it properly no favourer of the poet will have the hardness to assert in good earnest.' It is fortunate for us

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that after one of Capell's paraphrases we always have the original to go to—A long silence followed Capell, which was first broken by MALONE, who remarked not very profoundly 'Perhaps Ferdinand means to say, "I forget my task, but that is not surprising, for I am thinking of Miranda, and these sweet thoughts," &c He may, however, mean that he "forgets or thinks little of the baseness of his employment" Whichsoever be the sense, *And* or *For* should seem more proper [in line 16] than "But"—In 1819, ZACHARY JACKSON, for 'I forget But' proposed 'I *forgru't For*,' and explained that what Ferdinand forgave was 'the iron heart' of Prospero For 'most busie lest' he proposed 'most busie *left*,' on the really plausible ground that in a printer's case the long f and f were next to each other and most liable to become mixed It was because Jackson was himself a printer that his emendations have once in a very great while some value The meaning of *most busy left* is explained by the fact that when Ferdinand had finished his daily task he was *left more busy* with his reflections than while at work Zachary Jackson's volume, with its mass of presumptuous foolishness, was, once, forever banned from these pages, together with Lord Chedworth, Seymour, and Andrew Becket, but in this case Jackson has a follower, an eminently respectable follower, and therefore must perforce be here admitted—Voss (*Anmerkungen*, 1825, p 172) would read 'I forget By these sweet thoughts that even refresh my labours'—SINGER adopted Theobald's *busy-less* in his first edition (1826), and sneered at it in his second (1856), wherein he adopted Holt's *busiest*, without a word of intimation that it was not his own, but this was *more suo*, and, therefore, not surprising—KNIGHT also followed one reading in his first edition, and another in his second, but for this vacillation neither DYCE nor GRANT WHITE can reproach him, they have done the same COLLIER, indeed, is the only modern editor who through all his editions 'has looked on [this phrase in *The*] tempest and is never shaken' In sooth, the best proof of the exceeding difficulty in making the manifest meaning of this passage cohere with the words is afforded by the different readings adopted by several editors in their successive editions GRANT WHITE, in his *Shakespeare Scholar*, in 1854, said that 'nothing could be more graceless and inappropriate' than *most busiest*, three years later, in his first edition, he pronounced this identical graceless phrase a 'happy conjecture,' and *adopted it* in his text! Twenty-five years later, in his second edition, he discarded Holt's emendation (which, by the way, through an oversight he attributes to Holt *White*), and adopted the First Folio Again, Dyce, in his first edition, doubted the existence of the word, which, in his second edition, he adopted But this is anticipating, to return to the chronological order COLLIER adhered, in all of his three editions, to Heath's comma In his second, his note is 'The corrected folio of 1632 puts it thus "Most busy, *blest* when I do it," meaning that though Ferdinand is most busy, still he is *blest*, while he works, by the sweet thoughts of Miranda Surely this is a natural explanation, and it only supposes that the letter *b* had dropped out before *lest* of the Folio We, however, do not make this change, nor any other, because, understanding "lest" of the Folio as *least* (the form it took in the Folio of 1632), we do not see the difficulty of the passage. Ferdinand is so refreshed by the thoughts of Miranda that, even when "most busy," he "least" feels the toil he is undergoing'—A E B [RAE] in *N & Qu* 1st S II, 338, 1850 proposed to interpret these words as though 'a transposition had taken place between the words "least" and "when" "Most busy *when least* I do it" or "Most busy when least employed" Has not *the pause* in Ferdinand's labour been hitherto too much overlooked? What is it that has induced him to *for*

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get his task? Is it not these delicious *pau.es* of labour, making these pauses still more refreshing and renovating? In the *apologetic* sense which I would confer upon the last two lines of Ferdinand's speech the word "But" becomes not only appropriate, but necessary'—In the same vol of *N & Qu* p 429, THE COMMA, which Heath and Collier moved, 'humbly protested against removal,' and, adhering to the Folio, 1632, except in the omission of *s* in 'labours,' interpreted the words 'most busy lest' as 'an emphatic way of saying "*least busy* when I do it," to wit, the labour'—In *N & Qu* (1st S III, 229, 1851) ACHE calls attention to the parallelism between this passage and the 'nunquam se minus otiosum esse, quam cum otiosus'—Cicero, *De Off* III, cap 1—In the same vol of *N & Qu* (p 251) JOHN TAYLOR conjectures 'as the true reading "these sweet thoughts do even refresh my labour's *Most business*, when I do it"' Thus the change of a single syllable is sufficient to make good English, good sense, and good metre of a passage otherwise defective in these three particulars. It retains the *s* in "labours," keeps the comma in its place, and provides an antecedent for "it"'—HALLIWELL (1853) follows Theobald, and of Holt's emendation says that it 'seems to imply a sense exactly opposite to what is intended' 'A recent anonymous critic,' he continues, 'boldly alters the line to "My business, and rest me while I do it"' *Busy-less* is an unusual word, but it is so naturally (though, perhaps, not quite grammatically) formed, its rare occurrence is not, in itself, a sufficient reason for its rejection. Sylvester, in his translation of Du Bartas, has another and a more singular compound, "too *busie-idle* and over-bold" If Holt's interpretation were correct the original words would possibly be *most busi'est* for *most busiylest*' This *busiylest* of Halliwell should be carefully noted. Of it Halliwell could have properly said, *Sic vos non vobis*, &c.—In *N & Qu* (1st S VIII, 124, 1853) ICON suggests that the 'it' should be omitted as mere surplusage. 'Most busy, least when I do' 'The sense requires that the thoughts should be "most busy" when the hands "do least."' Contemporaneously, even to the very month, with 'Icon's' suggestion, LETTSOM in *Blackwood's Magazine* (Aug 1853) observes that 'Our only doubt, in restoring the old reading, is in regard to the word "it"' Perhaps it would be as well away, and we might read more perspicuously, "*Most busy—least* when I do" The measure being already redundant, the word could be spared. But its absence or presence makes little or no difference, and, with it, or without it, we hope to see this restoration of the original text' Twenty-four years later, in *N & Qu* 5th S VII, p 83, 1877, H WEDGWOOD made the same emendation, and expressed great surprise that it had never before occurred to any one (A sad, very sad example of the crying need of a 'New Variorum Edition')—ANON (*Fraser's Magazine* March, 1853). What if the passage ran originally as follows. 'Such baseness || Had never like executor, but sweet thoughts || Do even refresh my labours, I forget || My business, and *rest* me while I do it ||'—DYCE (ed 1, 1857) I was formerly inclined to believe that Theobald's emendation had restored the very word of Shakespeare, but I now doubt if so odd a compound as *busiless* ever occurred to anybody except the critic himself, and in my uncertainty about the passage I have given [Heath's reading] As to 'it' referring to the plural 'labours,' compare (among other passages in these plays) 'My *powers* are crescent, and my auguring hope Says *it* will come to the full—*Ant. & Cleop* II, 1 (W W LLOYD (*Athenaeum*, 16 Feb '78) very justly says that this single example is not conclusive, 'the metaphorical *crescent* gives a dominating bias to the idiom')—STAUNTON (1858) Whatever may have been the word for which 'lest' was misprinted, 'Most busy' and that word bore

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reference, unquestionably, not to Ferdinand's task, but to the sweet thoughts by which it was relieved. We have substituted *felt* as a likely word to have been mis-set 'lest,' but are in doubt whether *still*, in its old sense of *ever, always*, is not preferable. 'Most busy *still*, when I do it'—SIMON VERGES [the pseudonym of SWYNFEN JERVIS] (*N & Qu* 2d S vii, p 338, 1859) suggested, without comment, 'Most busy when I do *rest*'—BRAE (in his *Collier, Coleridge, and Shakespeare*, 1860, p 134) prints lines 16 and 17 thus 'But these sweet thoughts do even refresh my labour's Most busy hest, when I do it,' wherein the emendation 'simply consists in the change of the initial letter *l* for *h* (the confounding of which is a misprint of the commonest possible occurrence), and yet it does not leave one single point of the original difficulty unsatisfied. This "lest" or "least" becomes *hest* or *heast* (for, by a singular coincidence, both words were spelled both ways), and the *s* in "labours" becomes the sign of the possessive case. *Hest* must be understood as a task or imposition, a sense in which it occurs in a previous Scene of the play'—In 1860, SIDNEY WALKER added, indirectly, much strength to Theobald's *busy-less*, to which he devotes a chapter (No CVI, *Crit* ii, 285), and whereon his notes are as follows. 'I have met with no other instance of this ungrammatical formation, either in Shakespeare, or in any other of the Elizabethan poets (*Kindless*, in *Ham* II, ii, "treacherous, kindless villain," is *unnatural*, from *kind*, the common old English word for *nature*) I have found one instance in an earlier writer, Surrey, ed 1831, p 7 "sickless for to consume." And one in a contemporary, Kyd, Translation of Garnier's *Cornelia*, i, Dodsley, vol ii, p 250 "Less hapless, and more worthless thou might'st Have made thine ancestors," &c [see Dyce's note on this, *post*]. For this latter can scarcely, I think, be a corruption of *worthless*. Dr Nares, also, in a MS note in my copy of repr Fol, has expressed a doubt of Theobald's emendation.—'Επείχω Spenser, F Q B iii, C iii, St lix, seems scarcely in point. "for endless monuments Of his successe and gladful victorie" Sylvester's *Dubartas*, Week 1, Day 1, ed 1641, p 4, col 2. "Alas! how faithless and how modestless, Are you," &c vii, p 60, col 2.—"Fond Epicure, thou Imaginest a God, so perfectless," &c col i.—"How th' air's glib-gliding *firmness* body bears Such store of fowls," &c *Firmless*, I conjecture, II, ii, iv, p 142, col 2, see context, "—yet firm-less in affects, It falls in love," &c IV, iii, p 220, col 2, "—Serpents crawling o're The Lybians pest-full, and un-blest-full shore." Walker's editor, LETTSON, after describing the fragmentary condition of Walker's MSS in regard to this chapter, adds. 'The quotation from Surrey may be thought inapplicable, since Chaucer once uses *sike* as a substantive, and Surrey may have been influenced by this in forming the compound *sickless*, but the examples from Kyd and Sylvester certainly make for Theobald's conjecture. Collier's Old Corrector has been severely attacked for reading *busy, blest*, but if, as I suspect, he wrote *busy-blest*, intending it as a compound adjective, the old gentleman scarcely deserved the castigation he received. I may be allowed to conclude this long, unsatisfactory note by suggesting that in the Second Folio (as far as relates to this passage) "least" merely represents a peculiar pronunciation, not even now quite obsolete among uneducated people, of "lest," and that consequently there is no intentional difference of meaning between the text of the First Folio and that of the second. If this notion is correct, the Second Folio affords no support to those recent texts that have "least" in the sense of *minime*.'—BAILEY (*Revised Text*, &c 1862, i, 124) suggests four alterations 'Read, "I forget *all* But these sweet thoughts *that* ev'n refresh my labour Most *busily* when I do it," and paraphrase. "I forget all but these sweet thoughts that even refresh my

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labour when I most busily do it," or, in other words, "when I work the hardest"—In the *First Cambridge Edition* (1863) the editors CLARK and GLOVER record in the Textual Notes a conjecture, by SPEDDING, of *Most busiest when idlest* for the 'Most busie lest, when I doe it' of the Ff, and a conjecture of their own also for the same line, viz *Most busy left when idlest*. In their *Notes* at the end of the play they remark that 'the spelling "doe" makes Mr Spedding's conjecture *idlest* for "I doe it" more probable' Also, in their Textual Notes, they record '*Most busiest*' as a conjecture by Bulloch (i e Bulloch) But, as we have seen, Halliwell had anticipated this conjecture, at that time, by ten years BULLOCH (*Studies*, 1875, p 21) says that *busiest* was his first conjecture in emending Shakespeare's text, and that it was made in 1862 INGLEBY, on more than one occasion, expressed his emphatic preference for this emendation, which he always ascribed to Bulloch (See *Sh Hermeneutics*, 1875, p 137, Robinson's *Ept of Lit* 15 Feb, 1879, and in *N & Qu*) Lastly, *Most busiest* is attributed by CLARK and GLOVER not to Holt, as it should be, but to Holt White, an oversight which has misled every critic and editor who has used the Cambridge Edition—and who has not?—down to this hour Happily this error is corrected in the Third Edition, now issuing (1891), but, unluckily, Bulloch still remains—DYCE (ed 11, 1863) After much consideration I now adopt, in this very difficult passage, the reading of Theobald as far more satisfactory, on the whole, than any of the numerous emendations which have been proposed [Dyce here quotes from Walker the citations from Sylvester's *Dubartas*, and at the end of them adds] Walker also cites 'Kyd, Translation of Garnier's *Cornelia*,' as affording an instance of *worthiless*, but on turning to the rare old 4to of Kyd's *Cornelia*, 1594, I find that it there has 'worthily,' and consequently that the *worthless* which Walker unsuspectingly quotes is one of the thousand blunders of Dodsley and his editors [On Spedding's conjecture '*Most busiest when idlest*'] Lettson remarks 'It appears to me to invert the sense required by the context, which is (at least if this half-line refers to Ferdinand himself, and not to his thoughts) "*Most idlest when most busiest*."' Mr John Forster writes to me as follows. 'I hope you will not hesitate to adopt Theobald's *busiless*' [Forster then proceeds to criticise the readings of Pope, Spedding, and Holt, the last he attributes to Holt White, an error whereof the probable source has just been alluded to (Holt White, by the way, was a 'scholarly gentleman,' who contributed a number of notes to the Variorum of 1821 He lived at Enfield a hundred years ago, and to his 'fine library' Charles Cowden-Clarke, when a lad, had free access)]—J. WETHERELL (*Athenæum*, 16 Jan. 1864) would read 'I forget But these sweet thoughts do even refresh my labour, *Most busy rest, when I do it,*' and thus paraphrases 'These sweet thoughts on his gentle mistress so influence Ferdinand that his labour, whilst he passively contemplates it, is "even refreshed" by them—but when he does it (actively), it becomes no labour at all—mere rest' In the next No of *The Athenæum* the editor announces that he had received 'about a hundred' further suggestions on this phrase, that nearly all the readings thus offered had been anticipated, and that, perhaps, a majority were in favour of Holt White's '*busiest*' A few months later, in the same journal, INGLEBY gave in his adhesion to Wetherell's '*rest*,' and pronounced it '*palmarian*,' an estimation which he afterwards transferred to Halliwell's conjecture, which he attributed to Bulloch—JFFHSON (1864) adopted the conjecture of Clark and Glover in the First Cambridge Edition, and in his notes on '*Most busy left*' remarked, 'This is unintelligible.' [See Zach-

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ary Jackson, *ante*]—WELLESLEY (*Stray Notes*, &c 1865, p 1) Spedding's admirable emendation is a key to the whole passage, which only needs a more correct punctuation and orthography 'these sweet thoughts do even refresh my labours Most, busy, least, when idlest' Ferdinand is far from repining at his task, since it procures him that sweet sympathy which he would lack if he were unemployed 'These sweet thoughts of Miranda's pity "when she sees me work," refresh me in my labours They refresh me even most when I am most busy, and least when, comparatively speaking, I am idlest' [An entirely new view of the passage, in which I doubt if Spedding would have recognised his own emendation]—FISH (*Phila Sh Soc* p 41 1866) Retain the text of the First Folio and paraphrase 'In these reflections I forget my labours, which are even refreshed with the sweetness of the thoughts, and I am really most busy in mind while I am least busy with my task,—occupied with my thoughts, idlest with my hands'—ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc* p 42) I can make nothing more satisfactory out of the '*crux*' than what follows—I Hermeneutical torture, applied to the reading of the Ff, to *my* feeling, merely adds distortion to lameness 2 'I doe it,' referred to the noun 'labours,' seems to me an un-Shakespearean abomination—as certainly corrupt as the 'left' or 'least' of the Ff 3 To discover the real train of thought we must go back to 'I forget' 4 If Ferdinand is to be understood as keeping the log on his shoulder until Miranda makes him put it down, then 'I forget' means that the sweet thoughts of Miranda neutralise his sense of pain and weariness In that case the reading might be 'Most busy when least idle'—adopting Brae's transposition, with Spedding's conj of 'idle' (from the ear, not from the *ductus litterarum*) in place of 'I doe it' 5 But perhaps Ferdinand lays the log down as he begins to soliloquise, and only resumes it at 'I forget,' or (better still) perhaps the stage-direction '*bearing a log*' is not Shakespeare's Perhaps (*z e*) Ferdinand enters to *get* a log to bear to the pile, and does not lift it until 'I forget' In that case, the best reading *externally* is the remarkably happy one of the Camb Edd 'Most busy *left* when idlest' 6 If, however, Mr FURNES's reference of 'I doe it' to 'I forget' be sound—but I am now afraid it is not—then Holt and Singer's reading becomes the best 'Most *busieft* when I do it'—R L ASHHURST (*Phila Sh Soc*) I am disposed to adopt Heath's suggestion of placing a comma after 'busie,' otherwise retaining the reading of the Ff I interpret thus 'I am so refreshed by these sweet thoughts, that when most busy (in actual work) I am least busy in feeling', *z e* 'My labour is least burdensome to me when I forget myself in these charming meditations' I see no inconsistency in uniting Mr COLLIER's interpretation of the beginning of this passage with Mr FURNES's happy suggestion of referring '*doe it*' to 'forget'—S DICKSON (*Phila Sh Soc*) That is, 'My labours are most busy least,'—to be read with a pause after 'busy,' and emphasis on 'least', *z e* 'Most busy in the least degree', *z e* 'least most busy', *z e* 'least busy', *z e* 'least irksome and annoying',—(for which sense of 'busy' Worcester cites Waller) 'When I doe it', *z e* 'forget and think these sweet thoughts', or more briefly 'My labours are least wearisome when occupied with these thoughts' The punctuation for this interpretation is a dash after 'labours,' to show that busy agrees with it—the comma after 'least' being struck out—KEIGHTLEY (*Exp* 213, 1867) adopts Heath's comma, and puts a dash after 'it' at the end of the line to indicate that 'the entrance of Miranda causes Ferdinand to break off'—HALLIWELL (p 40, 1868) The pronoun 'it' refers to 'labours,' and numerous examples might be cited of that pronoun being applied to a preceding plural substantive '—let your *eyes*, As you observe the house,

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but where I point *it* Make stay, and take a view, and then you have found it'—*The Loyal Subject* [I think Halliwell has here misapprehended, 'it' refers to 'house,' not 'eyes']—DANIEL (*Notes*, &c 1870, p 13) I suspect that 'lest' is a misprint for *rest* What is it that Ferdinand *forgets*? The punctuation of the Folios would lead us to suppose that while thinking of his mistress he forgets to go on with his labour, yet Miranda, entering immediately after, begs him not to work so hard While the thoughts of his mistress (she who makes his *labours pleasures*) throng upon him, what he really forgets is the *tedium* of his labour Read, therefore, and punctuate 'I forget But (all but) these sweet thoughts—do even refresh *me*, labour's Most busy *rest* when I do it,'¹ e Having forgotten all but these sweet thoughts, I do even refresh myself, labour is but a most busy kind of rest while I am engaged in it See *Macb* I, iv, 44 'The rest is labour which is not used for you' The converse of which exactly represents the idea which I suppose Ferdinand to express '*The labour which is used for you is rest*'—JOHN HUNTER (*Longman's Series*, 1870) The construction undoubtedly is 'Most busy when I do it least', the inversion, 'least when I do it,' being quite in Shakespeare's manner—ROLFE (1871) follows Heath, and adopts the paraphrase given by Fish of *The Phila Sh Soc*—WILSON (*Caliban*, &c 1873, p 232) Query 'Do even refresh my labour Most *baseless* when I do it' *Baseless* would thus stand in apposition to the 'baseness' of his previous comment 'some kinds of baseness are nobly undergone,' &c—W A WRIGHT (1874) Holt's conjecture [*most busiest*] has been carried a step further by Mr Spedding in giving what, upon the whole, appears the best suggestion yet made, 'Most busiest when idlest' A very slight change would make a certain sense, 'Most busy left when I do it', that is, when I indulge these thoughts [See Zachary Jackson and Jephson]—J BEALE (*N & Qu* 5th S IV, 365, 1875) suggests that the line be thus read and interpreted "'do even refresh my labour Most, when *busy-less* (=leisurely) I do it' (1 e my labour) Ferdinand's *busy-less* matching Miranda's 'skill-less'" [In the 6th volume of the same series, p 226, Beale proposed a second emendation, viz] to take 'labours' in the possessive case, singular or plural, and instead of *busyless* to read *busy haste* We shall then have, 'even refresh my labour's Most busy haste, when I do it,'¹ e forget That is to say, 'although in musing on Miranda I forget, or miss count [of the logs], and have to make up for lost time in consequence, these sweet thoughts do nevertheless refresh even the *most busy haste* or greatest pressure of my labours, to which I am thereby subject, in performing my ignominious and laborious task', the word 'even' or *ever*, if preferred, seeming to emphasize 'busy,' the adjective to *haste*, as now suggested Otherwise we might read, objectively, 'my labours—most least busy—when I do it'='my labours—most busy least—when I do it' (1 e forget), and confirm the very text—J. S PHILLPOTTS (*Rugby Ed*, 1876) thus paraphrases [reading '—labours, Most busy least, when I do it'] But (though I forget my work, I am not lazy, for) these sweet thoughts even refresh my labours, 1 e make my labours fresh again The sweet thoughts which made my labours pleasures occupy me so intensely that they make my pleasures back into labours again 'Refresh' is, however, generally taken as 'refresh (me after) my labours,' but then there is no point in the 'even' The whole speech is a study of oxymoron in the strictest sense of the term The sports are painful, the baseness noble, poor is rich, dead is quick, labour is pleasure, and then, as the crown of all, the pleasure is so pleasant that it becomes more laborious than the labour It seems to me simplest to take ['Most busy least,' &c] as it stands, treating it as an oxymoron, 'Least most busy,

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when I do it (the carrying),¹ i e 'I am *least* busy at the time, when any one would think I am *most* busy, viz when I am carrying the logs I am really most busy when I am apparently resting, because then I think of my love' (It might also be 'Most busy—least,'¹ i e 'I am most busy when thinking, least (busy) when working') As he says 'do it' he shoulders the log which he had put down while speaking The paradoxes are meant to portray the 'exaggeration of love' Compare *Sonnet xxvii*, and *Rom & Jul* I, 1, 186–200 It once occurred to me that 'lest' or 'least' might be another form of 'less,' i e *unless* 'Most busy, least' (i e 'less, or unless') when I do it,¹ i e 'Most busy at all times, except when I do it' (my laborious work), his care for Miranda being so intense that he is never really occupied except when he has leisure to think of her [Here follow examples of 'least' = *unless* and 'less' = *unless*]—R M SPENCE (*N & Qu* 5th S vii, p 143, 1877) Omit the colon after 'forget,' and for 'lest' substitute *rest* Read and punctuate thus 'I forget But these sweet thoughts do even refresh my labours Most busy rest when I do it' By 'But' I understand *all except* Ferdinand forgot everything except the 'sweet thoughts' of Miranda's sympathy We are to suppose him, while speaking, piling up log after log Hence he speaks in short, broken sentences, as one so employed would naturally do—CORSON (*Am Bibliophilist*, p 14, Feb 1877, also *N & Qu* 5th S vii, p 3, 1877) It does not appear that the proper bearing of 'even' has been recognised That any one's labours should be refreshed by sweet thoughts of his mistress, is a fact to be generally assumed But to understand 'even' as bearing upon 'refresh,' would be somewhat contrary to such assumption The word evidently points to 'most busy' as qualifying 'labours,' the meaning being, 'But these sweet thoughts do refresh even my most busy labours' I would therefore remove the comma after 'labours' and put it after 'busy.' That would make it necessary to connect 'lest' in some way with 'when I do it' The verb 'do' is a pro-verb, representing the verb *think* implied in 'thoughts', and the clause 'when I do it' is a loose way of saying 'when I think, or indulge in, sweet thoughts of my mistress' Now the mode in which his most busy labours are refreshed by sweet thoughts of his mistress, is indicated by 'I forget,' that is, he is rendered oblivious to them—If the interpretation thus far is correct, there must be an idea veiled in 'lest' which reflects or points to 'I forget,' as a consequence of 'when I do it' That idea is revealed by the change of one letter, *e* for *o* The word should be *lost*, in the sense of being completely absorbed in anything, and oblivious to all other things Lady Macbeth says to her husband 'Be not lost so poorly in your thoughts'—The passage might be paraphrased thus 'But these sweet thoughts do refresh even my most busy labours, lost, as I am, to myself and to those labours, when I indulge in them' I would punctuate thus '—do even refresh my labours Most busy,—lost, when I do it' [see WHISTLER, Text N].—JABEZ [i e C M. INGLEBY] (*N & Qu* 5th S vii, p 224, 1877) upholds *busihrest* (which he attributes to Bulloch, instead of to its rightful owner, Halliwell) 'It has been asserted,' he says, 'that "it" may refer to "labours."' I know of but one such case in all Shakespeare, viz: *Love's Lab. L.* I, 1. "If you are arm'd to do, as sworn to do, Subscribe to your deep oaths, and keep it too." The passage, "Poor breathing orators," &c. (*Rich III* IV, iv) is misquoted in *England's Parnassus*, 1600, or it would be another instance I believe such instances are too rare to be our authority in the interpretation of this passage.' [Ingleby refers 'it' to 'forget' Immediately following this communication of 'Jabez,' J D asserts that 'lest' was 'formerly used as a noun, with the meaning of pleasure or delight,' and thereupon adduces many authorities, and one example from Chaucer

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to which he might have added many another J D thus paraphrases "Most busy *lest*," i.e. Most busy pleasure it is, whenever I do it' Immediately treading on J D's heels, J BEALE proposes his third reading and pointing "I forget—But these *sweet thoughts* do even *refresh*—my *labours*, Most busy, *feast* when I do it," the italicized words and punctuation conveying as much as I might wish to be understood' Immediately following J Beale, R H LEGIS proposes 'Most busy *hest*,' unaware that he had been long before anticipated by Brae At the close of this last contribution the long suffering Editor of *Notes and Queries* announced that 'This discussion must positively close here' But as well might he forbid the mountain pines to wag their high tops and to make no noise when they are fretten with gusts Silence reigned for only five years, during which the emenders ceased to be most busie lest Shakespeare should remain unexplained But when, in 1882 (6th S vi, p 24), J D again knocked for admittance, merely with a handful of examples of the use of 'lest' in the sense of *pleasure*, which he might have carried in before, if he had only had them ready, what heart so hard as to refuse admission? The door once open, why should not H WEDGWOOD (an honoured and honourable name) be allowed to tell how his emendation came to him in a dream?—a source which to us non Spiritualists has been usually believed to be subject to a contrary interpretation It is to be regretted that in the wider range which the delighted spirit enjoys when unhemmed in by its muddy vesture, it was not suggested that the emendation was by no means new (I beg leave to say, parenthetically, that personally I have mistrusted all lesser Spiritualist influences in the elucidation of Shakespeare's text ever since Shakespeare himself once 'materialised' for me at a séance, and manifested extreme displeasure and immediately 'de-materialised' when I ventured, most respectfully, to ask him the meaning of 'Ullorxa' in *Timon of Athens*) After J D's and Wedgwood's entrance, the doors of *Notes and Queries* seem to have been thrown open as of old In the same volume (p 261) H H VAUGHAN discusses the subject as though discussed for the first time, but without adding anything to our enlightenment He approves of Halliwell's *busiest* (which, following the Cambridge Edition, he ascribes to Bulloch), and says that 'forget' has for its object 'these sweet thoughts' In quoting line 14 he reads, 'sees *my* work,' and by an extraordinary oversight says 'I think it most likely that Shakespeare wrote 'sees *me* work' and 'these sweet thoughts,' which by a very natural error became 'see *my* work' and 'these sweet thoughts'—W W LLOYD (*Athenaeum*, 16 Feb 1878) This play abounds in elliptical phrases and indirect constructions, and with a certain allowance on this score, the simple, earliest emendation, 'Most busy, least when I do it' (= when I do it least), seems all that is strictly required But even so, this may probably be one of the very frequent cases where an intermediate line has been lost, which would have made the construction in one degree less Thucydidean. The correction of *labour* for 'labours' is required in any case to give a direct reference to 'it'—HUDSON (1879) reads in his text '—do even refresh my *labour*, Most busy when I do it *least*,' and in his note says 'With the old reading it is uncertain what "most busy" refers to or is predicate of, that is to say, whether the meaning be "*I being* most busy" or "these sweet *thoughts* being most busy" For the latter sense the best reading I have met with is "most busiest." But had this been the poet's thought he would probably have written. "Most busy *they*, when I do it" On the whole, it seems much better to connect *lest* or *least* with what follows, and not with what precedes. But I suspect after all, that the poet first wrote *most busie*, then interlined *lest* or *least* as a correc

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tion, and that the two got printed together, so that we ought' [to follow Pope's reading]—HERR (*Scattered Notes*, &c 1879, p 88) Read, '—refresh my labour, Most busy *beat*, when I do it,' and paraphrase "'—these sweet thoughts even most busy *throb* in my mind when," &c Compare how the poet employs *beat* or *beating* in connection with *thoughts*, *mind*, pulse, and heart, to either of which the word most aptly applies, so proving by analogy that "least" is a misprint for *beat*' [Here follow many examples of the use of 'beat']—E A MEREDITH (*Some New Emendations*, &c 1883, p 5) It seems to me clear that 'most' and 'least' cannot stand together in the line, and that one or the other was written as a gloss for the one which Shakespeare wrote Either 'most busie when I do it' or 'least busie when I do it' is intelligible 'Most busie,' however, would refer to 'these sweet thoughts' of which he has just spoken, and 'least busie' to his feelings when at work 'Studio fallente labore' I am disposed to believe that Shakespeare wrote '—do even refresh my labour, Most busie—when I do it' These sweet thoughts being most busy when he was at work Some actor or copyist, not understanding 'busie' as referring to these 'thoughts,' probably wrote 'least' as a gloss in his copy, and both words were by the printer incorporated in the text—W F PRIDEAUX (*N & Qu* 6th S vii, p 444, 1883) proposed anew Theobald's *busyless*, and, misled by Vaughan, seriously argued that 'the collocation of ideas' would be destroyed by the substitution of 'me' for *my*—F A LEO (*Sh Jahrbuch*, xix, p 265, 1884) would read '—refresh my labour Most *busily* when I do it,' and thus explains 'My sweet and busy thoughts refresh my labour (they refresh it by their busy doing, in a busy way—busily!)'—H B SPRAGUE (*Shakespeareana*, March, 1884) Punctuate thus 'Most busy, least, when I do it' Explain thus 'Most busy, least busy, when I do this work, i e when I think of Miranda's love, *not* is even *restful*' The line is the exact converse of *Macb* [as quoted above] With Macbeth repose is labour, with Ferdinand labour is repose—SIR P PERRING (1886, p 19) The two superlatives 'most busy' and 'least' are ranged alongside of each other for antithesis' sake, *without*, however, *being syntactically connected with the same noun*, 'most busy' referring to 'me,' which is contained in the possessive pronoun 'my' or (if you like) to the possessive case 'my,' 'least' to the noun 'labours' Ferdinand says 'These sweet thoughts do even refresh my labours, which labours, for all that I am superlatively busy, are least laborious, when I am actually engaged in them'—DEIGHTON (1889) adopts Theobald's *busyless*, for the reasons given by Walker and Dyce—J M D MEIKLEJOHN (1889) I am most busy, when I am least occupied with my labour, because then my thoughts are most active The order of the words is changed to emphasize the opposition of 'most' and 'least'—[After a silence on the subject for twelve years, R M SPENCE, in *N & Qu* (7th S vii, p 403, 1889), offers another explanation, which sheds, as he thinks, so much light that he trusts 'the crux which has haunted the passage so long has fled for ever' He retains the first part of his former note as far as concerns 'I forget (all) But these sweet thoughts,' but as for the second part, he lets loose his opinion, holds it no longer, that the text should be 'Most busy. *rest*;' but adopts Holt's *busiest*, and supposes 'labours' to be the nominative to 'refresh', he gives the passage thus. 'I forget (all) But these sweet thoughts, do even refresh (me) my labours Most *busiest*' The subordinate clause, "when I do it," should present no difficulty It is equivalent to "when I do so" In prose the whole passage would read thus "I forget everything but these sweet thoughts, and when I do so my *busiest* labours instead of wearying, even refresh me' In his honest desire to give honour where

[17 Most busie Iest]

honour is due, Spence, erroneously, gives Holt's *busiest* to Holt *White*, and Halliwell's *busiest* to Bulloch—On p 504 of the same volume H WOOD repeats for the third time his anticipated emendation of 'when I do it' into '*when I do*,' and lays stress on the fact that the emendation came to him 'in his sleep,' but 'without any corresponding dream'—On the same page H WOOD accepts Spence's omission of the 'semicolon' after 'forget,' but 'would preserve the Folio punctuation in the next line, and understand the relative pronoun'—In *N & Qu* (7th S VIII, p 303, 1889) BR NICHOLSON answers the possible objection of making 'it' refer, as he refers it, to the plural antecedent 'sweet thoughts' 'If the objector be at all well read in our old authors, he will remember the sometimes loose, and the some times, to us, apparently loose, manner in which they used their pronouns, and in especial he will remember how, in explanation of this sometimes only apparent looseness, it not infrequently happens that the writer is thinking of and referring more to his thought than to his previous expression of that thought Here Ferdinand, or Shakespeare, uses "it" as referring to and agreeing with that "constant thinking of her" rather than to his fore expression of the same in "these sweet thoughts"—One example of a similar use of "it" [see 'Jabez,' in this regard, *ante*] from *Cymb* V, 1, 15, will, I think, sufficiently exemplify this sometimes Elizabethan custom Posthumus exclaims to the gods "You some permit To second ills with ills, each elder worse, And make them dread it" Here the "it" most unmistakably refers not to the doer's last committed crime, but to his "guilty career," as described in the second line, which, mysterious and even seemingly wrong, ends in justifying the ways of God to man There comes, says our moralist, a time when even such criminals look back on their career, if not with horror, yet with dread But as he is thinking more of this criminal career where ills are seconded with ills, each elder worse, than of the ills themselves, he, where nineteenth century writers would use "dread them," uses "dread it" I would add what may be a second possible, though not, perhaps, very probable, explanation of Shakespeare's use of "it" in our present passage It may have been done of set purpose, lest his hearers should erroneously refer the more literally grammatical *them* to Ferdinand's just six words before expressed "labours," which, besides their nearness in expression, were to the on-lookers visibly in the plural'—F A MARSHALL (*Irrving Sh* 1890). If I ventured on any emendation, it would be to substitute *ever* for 'even,' by which slight alteration, perhaps, the sequence of Ferdinand's thoughts would be more easily followed 'These sweet thoughts do always refresh my labours', then he adds, as a sort of afterthought, 'and they are most busy, i e. *busiest* in refreshing them, when I am actually occupied in my labour' We might have expected *them* instead of 'it,' but the change to the singular is very natural Does it not refer to the 'sore injunction' or to the 'mean task' which her 'crabbed father' enjoins him to do? Indeed, if we give to 'it' this meaning, and remember that it would include, as a contrast to the *sweet* tenderness of his 'sweet mistress,' the equally sweet thoughts which her tender sympathy suggests, 'it' is more forcible than *them*—D MORRIS (*Collins' Eng Classics*, n d) Pope's emendation seems to accord best with the sense of the passage [I have reserved to the last any reference to an interpretation of this passage offered by S HICKSON in *N & Qu* (1st S. II, p 337, 1850), which anticipates the interpretation, that, nigh thirty years ago, occurred to me independently, and from which I have never yet seen any reason to depart To me the Folio text is exactly correct as it stands. On the general meaning of the passage almost every critic, to a man, is agreed, and nothing

Mir. Alas, now pray you *and Prospero.* 18
 Worke not so hard I would the lightning had
 Burnt vp those Logs that you are enioynd to pile : 20
 Pray fet it downe, and rest you : when this burnes
 'Twill weepe for hauing wearied you my Father
 Is hard at study ; pray now rest your felfe,
 Hee's fafe for these three houres
Fer. O most deere Mistis, 25
 The Sun will set before I shall discharge
 What I must striue to do.
Mir. If you'l fit downe
 Ile beare your Logges the while . pray giue me that,
 Ile carry it to the pile 30

18 Prospero] Prospero at a distance Dyce II, III
 unseen Rowe 30 carry it] carry 't Pope+, Cap
 20 you are] thou art Ff, Rowe 1 Dyce II, III
 thou'rt Rowe II+ you're Han Cap

is more wearisome in the foregoing discussion than the uniform paraphrase which each one has deemed himself, very properly, compelled to give. The last two lines are, it seems to me, Ferdinand's apology to himself for pausing in his work, and are therefore purposely begun by the adversative or apologetic 'But'. He has been neglecting his task to think on Miranda, then, recollecting himself, says, in effect, 'I am forgetting my work—But when I do *thus forget*, my mind so teems with thoughts that I am really most busy when I seem to be least busy, and by these sweet thoughts I am even refreshed for my work'. In a word, 'it' refers to 'forget'. To Hickson, chronologically, this interpretation belongs, and the fact that it occurred to me independently adds whatsoever value such coincidences may be thought to possess.—ED.]

17 Enter Miranda] For remarks on this scene, see Appendix, 'Miranda'

28–30 If pile] DYCE This speech, though printed as blank verse, will read as a couplet. Nor is it impossible that Shakespeare originally intended couplets [here and in III, III, 67–69], but afterwards changed his mind. [To these two rhyming couplets, where the lines are so divided that the rhyming words do not come at the end of the lines, but within them, BR. NICHOLSON adds a third 'Our months be cold. The king and prince at prayers || Let's assist them, for our case is theirs,' I, I, 61–63, and in view thereof urges that 'the laws of chance do not allow of three such accidents in the short course of one play; while, in practice, in concordance therewith, no three—no, not even two, such examples can be found within the whole range of the Elizabethan drama.' Thence he concludes that in *The Tempest* Shakespeare used material drawn from some other play which he had perhaps discarded, and that Shakespeare was prompted thereto by the haste with which it was necessary to bring out the play, not only in order to catch the popular interest of the day in Sir George Somers's shipwreck, but, also, perhaps to stimulate the Virginia colonisation schemes, in which Shakespeare himself may have had a share. See notes, III, III, 67.]

30 Ile . . pile] JOSEPH WARTON (*Adventurer*, III, 41, 1753) It is by selecting such little and almost imperceptible circumstances that Shakespeare has more truly

- Fer.* No precious Creature, 31
 I had rather cracke my sinewes, breake my backe,
 Then you should such dishonor vndergoe,
 While I sit lazy by
- Mir* It would become me 35
 As well as it do's you, and I should do it
 With much more ease for my good will is to it,
 And yours it is against
- Pro* Poore worme thou art infected,
 This visitation shewes it. 40
- Mir* You looke wearily.
- Fer.* No, noble Mistris, 'tis fresh morning with me
 When you are by at night. I do befeech you
 Cheefely, that I might set it in my prayers,
 What is your name? 45
- Mir.* *Miranda*, O my Father,
 I haue broke your heft to say so.
- Fer* Admir'd *Miranda*, 48

32 *I had*] *I'ad* Pope+, Sing Ktly,
 Rife

39 [Aside Cap
Poore .art] One line, Han
infected] *Infected and* Han

44 In parenthesis, Pope et seq
 (subs)

46 *Miranda,*] *Miranda* F₃F₄
 47, 51 *I haue*] *I've* Pope+, Dyce II,
 III, Huds

painted the passions than any other writer, affection is more powerfully expressed by this simple wish and offer of assistance than by the unnatural eloquence and witticisms of Dryden, or the amorous declamations of Rowe

38. it is] ANON (ap. GREY, I, 23) 'It is' seems to be an interpolation. It makes the verse too long, and spoils the uniformity of the construction which went before.—STEEVENS adopted this suggestion, which he attributes to Dr Farmer.—KINGH denominated it as spoiling the force of the passage

39 worme] DYCE. Used in the sense of *creature* as a term of commiseration, sometimes of contempt [In Sidney's *Arcadia*, III, 281, ed. 1598, Clinias, in Demetrias's challenge, which is intentionally absurd, is called the 'wickedest worme that euer went upon two legs'—ED.]

39, 40. infected . . visitation] W A WRIGHT Prospero adopts language which was familiar when the plague was of common occurrence

47. *hest*] PHILA SH SOC. Shakespeare uses this word but three times, and only in this play, unless 'hest' of Q₂ in 1 *Hen. IV* II, III, 65, be accepted rather than *haste* or *hast* of the other Qq and the Ff—R L ASHHURST (*ib*) suggested that the threefold use of 'hest' in *The Tempest* seems to be an argument for the early date of the play, since the only other place is in an early Quarto. Growing ignorance of its meaning seems to have substituted *haste* in all the later editions

48, 49 After 'Miranda' ROWE (ed II) placed the exclamation mark, which has

Indeede the top of Admiratiō, worth
 What's deereſt to the world full many a Lady 50
 I haue ey'd with beſt regard, and many a time
 Th'harmony of their tongues, hath into bondage
 Brought my too diligent eare · for feuerall vertues
 Haue I lik'd feuerall women, neuer any
 VVith ſo full foule, but ſome defect in her 55
 Did quarrell with the nobleſt grace ſhe ow'd,
 And put it to the foile. But you, O you,
 So perfect, and ſo peetleſſe, are created
 Of euerie Creatures beſt. 59

58 *peetleſſe*] F₁.

been uniformly adopted, and after 'Indeede' THEOBALD placed a comma, which has been generally adopted, but KNIGHT holds that the phrase is 'much more elegant' without it

57 foile] JEPHSON 'Foile' is from the old French *afoler*, to defeat Ferdinand ſays he never before ſaw a woman in whom ſome defect did not, as it were, contend with the nobleſt grace ſhe had and defeat it — W A WRIGHT Perhaps this word was ſuggeſted to Shakeſpeare by the conſtaſt between the grace and the defect which is as a foile to it, although in this ſenſe the reſult would have been the oppoſite of what is intended The word 'quarrel' points to the ſtruggle between the grace and the defect, in which the former is worſted — PHILLPOTTS There is difficulty in making out clearly the various ſenſes of the word 'foile' When Hamlet ſays, 'I'll be your foile, Laertes,' he means, 'I will be like the worthleſſ *leaf* which ſets off a jewel' This firſt is from Fr *feuille*, Lat *folium*, a leaf The 'foile' with which Hamlet fights is, of courſe, a blunted weapon, and with it he hopes to 'foile' Laertes We can, perhaps, account for both theſe latter ſenſes from the O Fr 'De tes commandemenz ne *folias*' (I did not *go aſtray* from thy commandments), whence alſo *affoler* is ſaid of a compaſſ-needle which will *not point true*, ſo that a 'foile' is not an unnatural name for that which has had its point blunted, and therefore cannot accurately point at anything 'To foile a lance-thruſt' is, in the ſame way, *to turn it aſide, to make it go aſtray*, and the word when generaliſed comes to mean, to 'defeat the attacks of an adverſary' Wedgwood compares Fr *fouler*, to trample on [Sheat ſays that, in the ſenſe of *defeat*, 'foile' is corrupted from the O Fr *fouler*, as *defile* is from *defouler*]

58 peetleſſe] My copy of F₁ agrees with Booth's reprint in this reading. Keightley ſays that 'the Folio reads *peetleſſe*' As it is not noticed by the Cam Edd. their copy was probably correct This is poſſibly one of the many diſcrepancies in the different copies of that volume, whereof the wholeſome leſſon is that in dealing with the Folio we are dealing not with Shakeſpeare, but with printers who changed the text as the book was paſſing under their hands through the preſſ — Ed

59 euerie Creatures beſt] JOHNSON Alluding to the picture of Venus by Apelles — STEEVENS Perhaps Shakeſpeare had only in his thoughts a fable related in Sidney's *Arcadia*, iii [p 385, ed 1598], where the beaſts having obtained permiſſion of Jupiter to make themſelves a king, created one of 'every creature's beſt'

Mir. I do not know

60

One of my sexe, no womans face remember,
 Saue from my glasse, mine owne. Nor haue I seene
 More that I may call men, then you good friend.
 And my deere Father: how features are abroad
 I am skilleffe of, but by my modestie
 (The iewel in my dower) I would not wish
 Any Companion in the world but you.
 Nor can imagination forme a shape
 Besides your selfe, to like of but I prattle
 Something too wildely, and my Fathers precepts
 I therein do forget.

65

70

Fer. I am, in my condition
 A Prince (*Miranda*) I do thinke a King
 (I would not so) and would no more endure
 This wodden flauerie, then to suffer

75

62 *mine*] *my* Cap
 65, 89 *I am*] *I'm* Pope +, Dyce 11,
 111, Huds
 65 *by my*] *my* F₃F₄, Rowe 1
 71 *I therein do*] *I do* Pope, Han.
Therein Steev '93

75 *This wodden*] *This wooden* Ff
This sudden Wilson *At home this*
wooden Elze (p 140)
to suffer] *I would suffer* Pope +,
 Cap Steev Mal Ktly *to suffer tamely*
 Dyce 11, 111

A similar praise is also bestowed by [Dorus] on his mistress 'She is her selfe
 of best things the collection' [I, 1, p 75, ed 1598 Cf also *As You Like It*, III,
 11, 151]

61 *no womans face remember*] THEOBALD (Nichols's *III* 11, 247) asks War-
 burton if 'Miranda has not here forgot herself a little? In I, 11, she remembers to
 have had four or five women attendants' Although anyone can answer this ques-
 tion for himself by recalling that Miranda might very well remember her attendants
 without remembering a feature of their faces, yet such minute criticism as Theo-
 bald's should not, I think, go unnoticed, no detail is trivial that helps to complete
 the picture — ED

74, 75 *would . . . to suffer*] This sentence has been pronounced 'undoubtedly
 mutilated' by several editors, down even as late as Dyce (ed 11), first, because it was
 supposed to be ungrammatical, and secondly, because of the apparently defective
 metre of line 75 (For the emendations see Textual Notes) MALONE defended
 the grammar by adducing several parallel examples where *to* is omitted and inserted
 in the same sentence, to these examples ABBOTT, § 350, added many more, and
 therefrom formulated the rule that '*to* is often omitted in the former of two clauses
 and inserted in the latter, particularly when the finite principal verb is an auxiliary,
 or like an auxiliary,' as in *Timon*, IV, 11, 33 'Who would be so mock'd with glory?
 or to live,' &c — W A WRIGHT also adds the following examples of the same con-
 struction. Prayer-book Version of *Psalm* lxxviii, 4, 8, 'That we should not hide, . . .
 but to shew,' &c, 'That they might put their trust in God, and not to forget,' &c —

The flesh-flie blow my mouth : heare my foule speake. 76

The venie instant that I saw you, did

My heart flie to your seruice, there resides

To make me slaue to it, and for your sake

Am I this patient Logge-man. 80

Mir Do you loue me ?

Fer. O heauen , O earth, beare witnes to this found,

And crowne what I professe with kinde euent

If I speake true . if hollowly, inuert

VVhat best is boaded me, to mischiefe · I, 85

Beyond all limit of what else i'th world

Do loue, prize, honor you.

Mir. I am a foole

To weepe at what I am glad of.

Pro. Faire encounter

Of two most rare affections . heauens raine grace 90

86 *what*] *ought* Han Coll MS 90 [Aside Cap
what's Ktly

Secondly the metre of line 75 has been justified by ABBOTT (§ 478), on the theory, to which I find it impossible to accede, that '-er final was sometimes pronounced with a kind of "burr," which produced the effect of an additional syllable, just as "Sirrah" is another and more vehement form of "Sir" Accordingly, the line is thus scanned 'This wood | en sla | very, than | to suff | er' Or, again, as in *Ham* I, iii, 117 'Lends the | tongue vows, | these bla | zes daugh | ter', or, *As You Like It*, IV, iii, 91 'Like a | ripe sis | ter | the wom | an low' A prolongation, by a 'burr,' or otherwise, of an unaccented syllable is, to my ear, so abhorrent that a discord, if need be, is far preferable, but there need be no discord in a verse wherein there is a pause, as here —ED

86. *what else*] For other examples of 'what' in elliptical expressions meaning *any*, see ABBOTT, § 255 —ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*). Keightley conjectures 'what's else.' Undoubtedly 's for *is* is wanted, but, instead of being thus thrust into the verse *ab extra*, it should be discovered where it lies hid *within* the verse—merged, that is (under Walker's rule), in the *se* of 'else,' although Walker himself was not aware of the fact Shakespeare wrote as in F₂. Read, therefore, without doubt 'Beyond all limit of what else's i' the world.'—I do violently suspect, moreover, that the entire sentence should read thus 'Aye! Beyond all limit of what else's i' the world Do I love, prize, honour you' That 'aye' is habitually written 'I' in the Folios everybody knows. It is wanted here in answer to Miranda's question, but the compositor, not understanding this, took 'I' to be the pronoun, and then dropped the 'I' after 'do' as an accidental repetition in the MS

88, 89 STEEVENS Cf *Rom & Jul* III, ii, 103 'Back, foolish tears, back to your native spring! Your tributary drops belong to woe, Which you mistaking offer up to joy'—W A WRIGHT Cf *Macb* I, iv, 33 'My plenteous joys, Wanton in fulness, seek to hide themselves In drops of sorrow'

On that which breeds betweene 'em. 92

Fer. VVherefore weepe you?

Mir : At mine vnworthineffe, that dare not offer

VVhat I desire to giue; and much lesse take 95

VVhat I fhall die to want: But this is trifling,

And all the more it seekes to hide it selfe,

The bigger bulke it shewes Hence bashfull cunning,

And prompt me plaine and holy innocence.

I am your wife, if you will marrie me; 100

If not, Ile die your maid: to be your fellow

You may denie me, but Ile be your feruant

VVhether you will or no.

Fer. My Mistris (deereft)

And I thus humble euer. 105

Mir. My husband then?

Fer. I, with a heart as willing

As bondage ere of freedome: heere's my hand.

Mir. And mine, with my heart in't; and now farewell

Till halfe an houre hence 110

Fer. A thousand, thousand.

Exeunt.

Pro. So glad of this as they I cannot be,

VVho are surpriz'd with all, but my reioycing 113

92 'em] *them* Cap Steev Mal Var
Knt

97 *all the*] *yet the* or *still the* Grey
seekes] *seekt* F₃F₄

105 [Kneeling Coll 11 (MS)

107 [Rising Coll 11 (MS)

107 *as*] *so* Ff, Rowe, Pope, Han

111 Exeunt] Exeunt severally Cap.

113 *with all*] *withal* Theob. Warb

Johns. Dyce, Cam Glo Jeph Huds

Clke, Wh 11, Dtn.

reioycing] *reioyning* F₂.

96 die to want] W. A. WRIGHT. That is, die for wanting [For many other examples of the infinitive thus used, see ABBOTT, § 356]

97 it . . . it selfe] CAPELL [Here is a line] from Miranda whose sweetness may not be seen without op'ning her 'it' and her 'itself,' which comes after, relate to nothing express'd by her, but to what the character's delicacy does not admit of naming,—love

101. fellow] STEEVENS. That is, companion See I, 11, 481.

113. are] HUDSON: 'Are' is, I have no doubt, a misprint for *am* Prospero is himself surprised, as indeed he well may be, that his wish has been crowned far beyond his expectations, and it is most natural that he should be expressing that surprise, but the lovers, I take it, are not at all surprised at what has sprung up in their hearts, it seems to them the most natural thing in the world.

113 *with all*] CAPELL, accepting this reading of the Folio, supposed that 'a substantive is wanting' after 'all', 'but this,' he says, 'we get at grammatically, a term of the line before it inferring—*gladness* :—Upon whom "all" gladness is come, sud-

At nothing can be more: Ile to my booke,
For yet ere supper time, must I performe
Much businesse appertaining.

115

Exit.

Scæna Secunda.

Enter Caliban, Stephano, and Trinculo.

Sie. Tell not me, when the But is out we will drinke
water, not a drop before, therefore beare vp, & boord
en' Seruant Monfter, drinke to me.

5

116 *appertaining*] *appertaining to*
my project Ktly

2 The other Part of the Island Pope

Enter] Enter S and T reeling,

Cal following, with the bottle Cap.

Enter Cal S and T with a bottle Johns.

3 *me,*] *me,* Rowe 11

4 *drop before*] *drop, before* F₂F₃

denly and by surprize'—THEOBALD, however, had silently substituted 'withal,' and has had ever since a respectable following—STEEVENS proposed to make the same change as though for the first time, and also suggested that 'the sense might be clearer were we to make a slight transposition "So glad of this as they, who are surpriz'd With all, I cannot be—"—WALKER (*Crit* iii, 3) confirmed Theobald's change, and ABBOTT, § 196, accepting it as the true reading, thus remarks 'Sometimes *this* is understood after "withal," so that it means *with all this*, and is used adverbially [as here, where it means] "surprised with, or at, this" Here, however, perhaps, and elsewhere certainly, "with" means *in addition to*, and "*with-all* (this)" means *besides*' [Theobald's change, besides having a force of its own, really includes the Folio's reading—ED]

114 *booke*] See note on III, ii, 94

2 See II, ii, 184.

5 *Servant Monster*] THEOBALD I can't help taking notice, on this occasion of the virulence of Ben Jonson, who, in the *Induction* to his *Bartlemew Fair*, has endeavoured to throw dirt, not only at this single character, but at this whole play. 'If there be never a servant monster in the fair, who can help it, he says, nor a nest of antiques? he is loth to make nature afraid in his plays, like those that beget tales, tempests, and such like drolleries'—[p 370, ed Gifford]—CAPELL also noted this pointed allusion, as he supposed it to be, and was also the first to detect its possible bearing on the Date of Composition of *The Tempest* (See *Essay* on this subject in Appendix.) Gifford is, of course, up in arms to defend Jonson, which he does with success. But small faith is to be placed, I think, in the sneers which are constantly imputed to Jonson I can detect nothing whatsoever in the preceding allusion, if it really be an allusion, that smacks in the least of ill-nature, far less of virulent malignity "“Servant-monster,”" says GIFFORD, 'is undoubtedly to be found in *The Tempest*, but I am yet to learn that the expression was the invention of Shakespeare or even peculiar to him, though he has applied it with inimitable humour The reader is now to learn that the town in those days abounded with exhibitions of what were

Trin. Seruant Monfter? the folly of this Iland, they
say there's but fve vpon this Isle, we are three of them,
if th'other two be brain'd like vs, the State totters. 6

Ste Drinke seruant Monfter when I bid thee, thy
eyes are almost fet in thy head. 10

Trin VVhere should they bee fet else? hee were a
braue Monfter indeede if they were fet in his taile.

Ste My man-Monfter hath drown'd his tongue in
facke: for my part the Sea cannot drowne mee, I fwam
ere I could recouer the shore, fve and thirtie Leagues 15
off and on, by this light thou shalt bee my Lieutenant
Monfter, or my Standard

Trin. Your Lieutenant if you list, hee's no standard

Ste. VVeel not run Monsieur Monfter 19

8 *th'other*] *the other* Rowe

10 *head*] *heart* Ff

16 *on, light*] *on, light* Rowe+,

Knt, Sta Cam (subs) *on, light* Cap.

Coll Sing Dyce, Hal (subs)

familiarly called *monsters*, i. e. creatures of various kinds which were taught a thousand antic tricks, the constant concomitants of puppet-shows "I would not have you," says Machin, "step into the suburbs, and acquaint yourself either with *monsters* or *motions*:"—*Dumb Knight* And Jonson himself, in a subsequent part of this play, makes Bristle tax Haggise with loitering behind "to see the *man with the monsters*." Elephants, camels, bears, horses, &c were all accompanied by apes, who amused the spectator by assuming a command over them Nor is the custom nor the language yet obsolete. It is impossible to look at the part of Trinculo without seeing that it bears an immediate reference to this custom, and we may form some idea of the roar of the old theatre at hearing him and his associate unwittingly characterise themselves as *monsters* by adopting the well-known expression.

6 the . . Iland] The only explanation, I think, which has ever been given of this puzzling phrase is the plausible and dramatic interpretation of BR NICHOLSON, who supposes that after Stephano's challenge to Caliban, 'Servant-monster, drink to me' Trinculo, the professional Jester, apes the manners of his betters, and, all of them feeling themselves monarchs of all they surveyed, proposes as a toast 'The folly of this Island!'

16 by this light] CAPPELL connected this oath with Stephano's exploit in swimming instead of with his appointment of Caliban to a lieutenancy, and his note on the change must not go unrecorded, in it he out-Capelled himself. 'Thou shalt be my lieutenant, &c. Words which all former copies have prefac'd with that oath which is, in this, annex'd to Stephano's lie; and as from this mode of pointing results humour plenty, and none or next to none from the other, it becomes a duty to close with it, that facility consider'd which produces faults of this sort. in this case, a pre only was drop'd following *light*.'

18 standard] That is, of course, standard-bearer or ensign, with a pun on his drunkenness

Trin. Nor go neither: but you'l lie like dogs, and yet
say nothing neither. 20

Ste Moone-calfe, speak once in thy life, if thou beeft
a good Moone-calfe.

Cal. How does thy honour? Let me lick thy shoos:
He not ferue him, he is not valiant. 25

Trin. Thou liest most ignorant Monster, I am in case
to rustle a Constable: why, thou debosh'd Fish thou,
was there euer man a Coward, that hath drunk so much
Sacke as I to day? wilt thou tell a monstrous lie, being
but halfe a Fish, and halfe a Monster? 30

Cal. Loe, how he mockes me, wilt thou let him my
Lord?

Trin. Lord, quoth he? that a Monster should be such
a Naturall?

Cal. Loe, loe againe: bite him to death I prethee. 35

Ste. Trinculo, keepe a good tongue in your head: If
you proue a mutineere, the next Tree: the poore Mon-
ster's my subiect, and he shall not suffer indignity.

Cal. I thanke my noble Lord. Wilt thou be pleas'd
to hearken once againe to the suite I made to thee? 40

24, 25 As verse, Knt

27 *debosh'd*] *debauched* Coll Cam 1,
Jeph. Dyce 11, 111

29 *tell a*] *tell me* a Ff, Rowe, Pope,
Han Cap

37 *mutineere*,] *mutineer*— Dyce

Tree] *tree*— Rowe

39, 40 As verse, Anon (ap Grey),
Cap Steev (the latter, followed by
Huds, omits *to to* in line 40) Dyce 11,
111

40 *to hearken once againe*] *once again*
to hearken F₃F₄, Rowe 1

27 *debosh'd*] To be pronounced, I think, with a long *o*, if we are to recognise its kinship with the French *desbauché*. Collier called attention to an old mode of spelling in Beau. & Fl's *Four Plays in One*, 'deboist'. It is not improbable that the two words 'debosh'd' and 'deboist' were pronounced much alike, the *s* in the latter being probably pronounced like the *sh* in the former, as, indeed, it is so spelled, *deboshé*, and referred to *deboshed*, in Sherwood's *Eng. & Fr. Dict* appended to Cotgrave. Under *Desbauché* Cotgrave gives: 'Deboshed, lewd, incontinent,' &c.—ED.

31, 32. *my Lord*] ANON. (*Grey*, 1, 23). Here is a syllable too much; all Caliban's speeches are designed to be metre, we should correct, I think, by striking out 'my,' as Trinculo immediately repeats it

37 *mutineere*] DYCE It is questionable if Shakespeare did not write here *mutiner*, the more usual spelling of the word, as in *Coriol* I, 1, 254

40. STEEVENS here reads as one line: 'To hearken once again the suit I made thee.'—DYCE thinks the reading 'most probable'

Ste Marry will I . kneele, and repeate it, 41
I will stand, and so shall *Trinculo*.

Enter Ariell invisible.

Cal. As I told thee before, I am subiect to a Tirant,
A Sorcerer, that by his cunning hath cheated me 45
Of the Island

Ariell. Thou lyeft.

Cal. Thou lyeft, thou iesting Monkey thou .
I would my valiant Master would destroy thee.
I do not lye. 50

Ste. *Trinculo*, if you trouble him any more in's tale,
By this hand, I will supplant some of your teeth.

Trin Why, I said nothing.

Ste. Mum then, and no more . proceed.

Cal. I say by Sorcery he got this Isle 55
From me, he got it. If thy Greatnesse will
Reuenge it on him, (for I know thou dar'ft)
But this Thing dare not.

Ste. That's most certaine. 59

41, 42 Lines run on, Pope et seq
44, 46 Lines run on, Pope et seq (ex-
cept Steev Knt, Wh 1, Ktly, Rlfe)

Four lines, ending *thee Tirant*
hath. .Island Steev Three lines, end-
ing to *cunning island* Ktly

51, 52 Lines run on, Pope et seq

55, 56 *Isle From me, he] Isle, From*
Me, he F₄ Isle, From me he Rowe,
Pope, Han *Isle; From me he* Theob
et seq (subs).

58 *dare not] dares not*—Theob u,
Warb Johns *dares not*, Han *dare*
not, Cap. et seq (subs)

43 invisible] COLLIER: Of old, performers, who were to be supposed unseen by the other actors, and yet were to be seen by the auditors, wore a particular kind of dress, understood to indicate their invisibility, one of the most curious items in 'Henslowe's *Diary*' is that of 'a robe for to go invisible'—*Sh Soc* 1845, p. 277.

44-46 As . . . Island] DYCE. I quite agree with Steevens in thinking that Caliban was intended *always* to speak in verse, and I therefore believe that the present speech is corrupted, because it defies any tolerable metrical arrangement. [In Steevens's metrical attempt he was forced to notify the public that 'tyrant' was to be pronounced as a trisyllable, but he did not tell us how—ED.]

58. *dare*] ABBOTT, § 361 The subjunctive 'he dare' is more common than 'he dares' in the historical plays, but far less common in the others. The only difference between the two is a difference of *thought*, the same as between 'he *can* jump six feet' and 'he could jump six feet,' i. e. if he liked. Compare [the present passage] 'this thing *dare not*,' i. e. 'would not dare on any consideration', stronger than *dares*'

- Cal.* Thou shalt be Lord of it, and Ile serue thee 60
Ste How now shall this be compast?
 Canst thou bring me to the party?
Cal. Yea, yea my Lord, Ile yeeld him thee asleepe,
 Where thou maist knocke a naile into his head.
Aruell Thou liest, thou canst not 65
Cal. What a py'de Ninnie's this? Thou scuruy patch.
 I do beseech thy Greatnesse giue him blowes,
 And take his bottle from him: When that's gone,
 He shall drinke nought but brine, for Ile not shew him
 Where the quicke Freshes are. 70
Ste. *Trinculo*, run into no further danger.
 Interrupt the Monster one word further, and by this
 hand, Ile turne my mercie out o'doores, and make a
 Stockfish of thee
Trin Why, what did I? I did nothing. 75
 Ile go farther off.

60 *thee*] In Italics, Han

61 *now*] Om Pope, Han.

61, 62 Lines run on, Pope et seq

71, 72 Lines run on, Pope et seq

75, 76 Lines run on, Pope et seq

76 *go farther*] *goe no further* h
 Rowe, Pope, Cap Hal

60 *Ile*] WALKER (*Crit* III, 5) Rather, I think, '*I will serve thee*', for I doubt whether an emphasis was intended to be laid on '*thee*' [Hanmer thought otherwise, see Text N—ED]

66 *py'de*] JOHNSON. This line should certainly be given to Stephano '*Pied*' alludes to the striped coat worn by fools, of which Caliban could have no knowledge Trinculo had before been reprimanded and threatened by Stephano for giving Caliban the lie; he is now supposed to repeat his offense Upon which Stephano cries out [as in line 66] Caliban now seeing his master in the mood that he wished, instigates him to vengeance '*I do beseech*,' &c [This note was withdrawn in the Variorum Editions which were issued after Dr Johnson's death—ED]—STEEVENS Trinculo is a jester, and therefore wears the party-coloured dress of one of these characters

66 *patch*] W A WRIGHT cites from Florio's *New Worlde of Wordes* the definition of the Ital. *pazzo*, viz '*foolish, fond, mad*,' &c '*Also a foole, a gull, an idiot, a madman, a naturall*'—SKEAT, however, says that the supposition that '*patch*' is a nickname from the dress is most probably right '*It is independent of the Ital. pazzo, a fool, a madman, which is used in a much stronger sense*' Douce's long note, with others, is given in *Mer of Ven.* II, v, 49. '*The patch is kind enough*'

74 *Stockfish*] DYCE That is, beat thee as a stockfish (dried cod) is beaten before it is boiled—W A WRIGHT Compare Hollyband's *Fr Dict* 1593, '*je te froteray à double carillon, I will beate thee like a stockefish*' Cotgrave (s. v. Carillon) has '*I will beate thee like a stockfish, I will swinge thee while I may stand over thee*'

76 *Ile go*] The difference here between the F₂ and the other Folios is of small

Ste Didst thou not say he lyed? 77
Ariell. Thou liest
Ste Do I so? Take thou that,
 As you like this, giue me the lye another time 80
Trin. I did not giue the lie Out o'your wittes, and
 hearing too?
 A pox o'your bottle, this can Sacke and drinking doo.
 A murren on your Monfter, and the diuell take your
 fingers. 85
Cal Ha, ha, ha
Ste Now forward with your Tale prethee stand
 further off
Cal Beate him enough: after a little time
 Ile beate him too 90
Ste Stand farther. Come proceede
Cal Why, as I told thee, 'tis a custome with him
 I'th afternoone to sleepe: there thou maist braine him,
 Hauing first seiz'd his bookes: Or with a logge 94

79 *Take thou*] *Take you* F₃F₄, Rowe

1, Theob Han Warb Johns

[Beats him Rowe

80 *As*] *An* Ktly conj

81-85 Lines run on, Pope et seq

81 *giue the*] *giue thee the* F₃, Rowe +,
 Steev '85, Hal Dyce II, III, Huds

84 *murren*] *murrain* F₃F₄, Rowe

91 *farther*] *further* Ff

93 *there*] *then* Coll II, III (MS), Dyce
 II, III, Huds *where* Jervis

moment In the latter Trinculo's refusal to go betokens an independence of spirit which he certainly shows on no other occasion —ED

81 *giue the lie*] Surely F₄ has here the true reading —ED

87, 88, 91 It is just possible that these commands to stand further off are addressed not to Trinculo, but to Caliban I am inclined to think that the close, confidential attitude taken by Caliban brings into painful emphasis one of his characteristics, which Trinculo described as ancient and fish-like —ED

93 *there*] COLLIER (ed II). But Caliban is speaking of the proper time to kill Prospero, viz when he is asleep, not of the place where he is to be killed [See Text Notes] Afterwards, when again Caliban mentions that Prospero will be asleep, he asks 'Wilt thou destroy him *then*?' —DYCE (ed II) Though in my former edition I retained the old reading, I now hold the alteration [by Collier's MS] to be absolutely necessary

94. *bookes*] HUNTER (i, 181) It is a curious point in bibliography what, specifically, the books of the Magicians were It is strange that not one (as far as is known) has come down to our times if they were anything more than the harmless treatises on natural science of the middle ages, books of real science, with geometrical figures, or works in the Oriental languages, *read backwards* When Hugh Draper of Bristol, an astronomer, was charged with practising as a sorcerer, he confessed that he had done so; but that since he so disliked his science that he burned all his books (Bay

Batter his skull, or paunch him with a stake, 95
 Or cut his wezand with thy knife Remember
 First to possess his Bookes; for without them
 Hee's but a Sot, as I am, nor hath not
 One Spirit to command: they all do hate him
 As rootedly as I Burne but his Bookes, 100
 He ha's braue Vtenfils (for so he calles them)
 Which when he ha's a house, hee'l decke withall.
 And that most deeply to confider, is 103

98 *nor*] and Pope, Han 102 *decke*] *deck't* Han Walker, Dyce
 102 *a house*] *an house* Rowe +, Steev 11, 111, Huds *deck it* Kily.
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leys *Hist of the Tower*, App 57) Simon Penbrook, in 1578, being charged with being a conjurer, fell down dead in St Saviour's church, when five books were found upon him (Beard's *Theatre*, &c p 126) It is a rule laid down in the *Summa Angelica*, article *Sors*, that a necromancer is not to be considered purged unless he has burned his books [Halliwell says that to this cause is perhaps to be attributed the great rarity of these books of the magicians, and he agrees with Hunter in not having seen any one that is 'fairly entitled to the honour of being accepted for the real book, which was presumed to invest the necromancer with his power'] Surely they must be something more than books of natural science, used as we may imagine an impostor might use them It is strange, however, that not one book which can be certainly fixed upon as one of this class should have escaped I speak only of manuscripts in English libraries, foreign libraries may contain such [Probably many are still to be found in Germany, to judge from the reprints by Scheible of Stuttgart Any 'Höllenzwang' of Dr Faustus would serve the turn, with its intricate formulas for raising spirits of every description, and full of angelic and cabalistic writing, 'The Sixth and Seventh Book of Moses,' translated for the first time, I believe, in 1725, out of the Chaldee original, may be highly recommended, it descends to such homely details of life, as taking a drink of water at night, an extremely risky act, it appears, owing to the fondness of devils for water jars, possibly for coolness' sake, the formula, however, is graciously given (p 391), which renders the act innocuous In *Das Kloster*, iii, p 1157, Stuttgart, 1847, a lithographic reproduction is given of a parchment MS preserved in the Grand-ducal Library at Weimar, which amply fulfils every ideal of a magic book. Its title is 'Praxis Magica Faustiana oder der von Doct Johann Faust, Practicirte und beschworne Höllen Zwang Passau, Anno 1527' —Ed.]

98. Sot] Of course, Caliban cannot here use this word in its modern meaning of *a confirmed drunkard*, but rather in the contemporary French meaning of 'sot,' which Cotgrave gives (s v) as 'asse, dunce, dullard, blockhead, loggerhead, growtnoll, iobernoll, growthead, ioulthead,' &c —Ed

101 Vtensils] ABBOTT, § 492, says that this is 'perhaps' accented on the first syllable Evidently, to avoid this accentuation, an anonymous conjecture of *O he* for 'He' is recorded in the Third Cambridge Edition

103 that] For *that that* or *that which* The omission of the relative is so common that attention need scarcely be called to it. See, for similar omissions, 'There's

The beautie of his daughter : he himfelfe
 Cals her a non-pareill I neuer faw a woman 105
 But onely *Sycorax* my Dam, and fhe ;
 But fhe as farre fuppasseth *Sycorax*,
 As great't do's leaft.

Ste. Is it fo braue a Laffe ?

Cal I Lord, fhe will become thy bed, I warrant, 110
 And bring thee forth braue brood.

Ste. Monfter, I will kill this man : his daughter and
 I will be King and Queene, faue our Graces and *Trin-*
culo and thy felfe fhall be Vice-royes .

Doft thou like the plot *Trinculo* ? 115

Trin Excellent.

Ste Gue me thy hand, I am forry I beate thee :
 But while thou liu'ft keepe a good tongue in thy head.

Cal. Within this halfe houre will he be afleepe,
 Wilt thou deftroy him then ? 120

Ste. I on mine honour

Ariell. This will I tell my Mafter.

Cal. Thou mak'ft me merry : I am full of pleafure,
 Let vs be iocond Will you trouble the Catch 124

105 *neuer faw a*] *ne'er saw* Pope+,
 Steev '93, Knt, Dyce II, III, Huds

106 *she*] *her* Han

108, *great'ft*] *greatest* Rowe+, Steev
 Mal, Knt.

108 *do's leaft*] *does the least* Rowe+

114, 115 Lines run on, Pope et seq

116, 117 Lines run on, Pope et

seq

122 [Aside. Cap Allen.

nothing ill can,' &c. I, II, 533, or, 'There be some sports are,' &c. III, I, 3, or,
 ABBOTT, § 244

105. WALKER (*Crit* i, 86). The verse is not irregular [Walker (*Vers* p 101)
 had already said that a six-footed verse is not infrequent in Shakespeare where an
 extra foot is admitted, when it follows immediately after a pause on the latter syl-
 lable of the third foot], but it is inharmonious, I think, and Hammer's [i e Pope's]
 reading seems to be right — ABBOTT, § 503, accepts this line as six-footed, 'although,'
 he adds, 'it is against Shakespearian usage to pronounce "non-pareil" a dissyllable,
 as in Dorsetshire, "a nūnprel apple," yet Caliban here may be allowed to use this
 form. I believe "nonp'rel type" is still a common expression'

106 *she*] For this somewhat rare use of 'she' for *her* (which Grant White pro-
 nounces 'mere carelessness' on Shakespeare's part) see *Oth* IV, II, 5, in this ed.,
 where to Abbott's three examples (§ 211) five more are added, this present example
 escaped me — ED

124 *trouble*] STEEVENS See Jonson, *Every Man in his Humour*, I, II 'If he
 read this with patience, I'll troll ballads' [Its derivation is uncertain. W. A.
 WRIGHT says that it means 'to run glibly over,' and pronounces it] 'an imitative word.

You taught me but whileare?

125

Ste. At thy request Monster, I will do reason,
Any reason Come on *Trinculo*, let vs sing.

Sings.

*Flout'em, and cout'em: and skout'em, and flout'em,
Thought is free.*

130

Cal That's not the tune

Ariell plays the tune on a Tabor and Pipe.

Ste. What is this fame?

Trin. This is the tune of our Catch, plaid by the picture of No-body

135

126, 127 Lines run on, Pope et seq

seq

127 Any] And Ff, Rowe, Pope

129, 130 Lines run on, Pope + Three

129 cout] skout or scout Rowe u et

lines, Glo Wrt, Wh u, Dtn

In Serenius' *Swedish Dict* we find "*holla samma trall*, to sing the same song over and over" Littleton in his *English-Latin Dict* has "To troll along his words Volubiliter loqui, sive rotunde" [But this scarcely explains its use when it is not applied to singing, as, for instance, in 'troll the bowl', see Beau & Fl's *Knight of the Burning Pestle*, II, viii, where Merrythought sings 'Troul the black bowl to me,' and Dyce, in a note, observes that the line is probably a catch, quoted by Hawkins (*Hist of Music*, III, 22) from Ravenscroft's *Pammelia*, 1609 'Trole, trole the bowl to me, And I will trole the same again to thee,' &c OLIPHANT (*Musa Madrigalesca*, p 234) suggests that the word *trole* is from the Fr *trôler*, to draw or lead But Cotgrave's definition of *troller* is 'Hounds to trowle, raunge, or hunt out of order,' and *Trollerie* is 'a trowling or disordered raunging, a hunting out of order', which apparently influenced Skeat (s v *troll*) to define 'To *troll the bowl*, to send it round, to circulate it', and 'to *troll a catch* is, probably, to sing it irregularly,' which, whatever its derivation, would decidedly best suit the present condition of Caliban—Ed]

124 Catch] W A WRIGHT A catch is a part-song Cotgrave has, 'Strambot m A Iyg, Round, Catch, countrey Song' Chappell (*Pop Mus of the Olden Time*, p 108) says, 'Catch, Round or Roundelay, and Canon in unison, are, in music, nearly the same thing In all, the harmony is to be sung by several persons, and is so contrived, that, though each sings precisely the same notes as his fellows, yet, by beginning at stated periods of time from each other, there results a harmony of as many parts as there are singers The Catch differs only in that the words of one part are made to answer, or *catch* the other, as "Ah! how, Sophia," sung like "a house o' fire," "Burney's History," like "burn his history," &c'

125 whileare] ABBOTT, § 137 'This is equivalent to a *time before*, i e *formerly*,' x, as W A WRIGHT defines it, 'only a short time since'

130 Thought is free] W A WRIGHT Perhaps the burden of a song See *Twelfth N* I, III, 73 And Lyly, *Euphues and his England*, p 281 (ed Arber) why then quoth he, doest thou thinke me a foole, thought is free my Lord quoth she' [In Skelton's *Phyllyp Sparowe*, line 1201, we find 'Thought is franke and fre'—Ed]

135 No-body] REED The allusion is here to the print of *No-body*, as prefixed

Ste If thou beeft a man, fhew thy felfe in thy likenes : 136
If thou beeft a diuell, take't as thou lift.

Trin O forgiue me my finnes

Ste He that dies payes all debts I defie thee ,
Mercy vpon vs 140

Cal Art thou affeard ?

Ste. No Monfter, not I.

Cal. Be not affeard, the Ifle is full of noyfes,
Sounds, and fweet aires, that giue delight and hurt not .
Sometimes a thoufand twangling Inſtruments 145
Will hum about mine eares , and fometime voices,
That if I then had wak'd after long fleepe,
Will make me fleepe againe, and then in dreaming,
The clouds methought would open, and fhew riches 149

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| 136, 137 Prose, Pope et seq | 141, 143 <i>affeard</i>] <i>afraid</i> Rowe + |
| 136 <i>thy</i>] <i>the</i> Theob II, Warb Johns | 145 <i>Sometimes</i>] <i>Sometime</i> Dyce II, III, |
| 138 <i>finnes</i>] <i>fin</i> F., Rowe I | Huds |
| 139, 140 Lines run on, Pope et seq | <i>twangling</i>] <i>twanging</i> Pope + |
| 140 [Music again Coll II (MS) | 146 <i>sometime</i>] <i>sometimes</i> Ff, Rowe + , |
| | Steev.'85, Sing Wh I, Rife |

to the anonymous comedy of *No-body and Some-body*, without date, but printed before 1600—HALLIWELL thinks that the more likely reference is to an engraving on an old ballad, called the *Well-spoken Nobody*, whereof he gives a facsimile. The engraving occupies an entire page of his Folio edition, and represents a tatterdemalion man surrounded by broken household utensils, and bearing the motto 'No-body is my name that beareth everybodys blame'. There is, however, no attempt to portray the man as having no body, he is amply provided therewith, whereas, in the picture alluded to by Reed, the man has merely head, arms, and legs, and, therefore, literally, 'no-body,' exactly as Ben Jonson describes him, as cited by Halliwell himself. Nobody is introduced 'attired in a paire of breeches, which were made to come up to his neck, with his armes out at his pockets'. This old comedy of *Nobody and Somebody* was reprinted in 1877 for Private Circulation by ALEXANDER SMITH, Esq. of Glasgow, and is valuable for allusions to manners and customs. It was cited in *Lear*, II, 1, as affording the only other known allusion to the custom of scattering far and wide the picture of a criminal as an aid to his speedy arrest. Its editor ascertained from the *Trans. of the Stationers' Registers* that its date was 1606, which can have no special bearing on the date of this play, because it is possible that the present reference to 'the picture of No body' may be, not to the picture on the title-page of the comedy, but to the sign over the stationer's shop, it was 'Printed for John Trundle and are to be sold at his shop in the Barbican, at the signe of No-body'. John Trundle was a stationer from about 1598 to about 1625.—ED

145 *Sometimes*] DYCE here prefers *sometime* for the sake of uniformity with the next line, and also with Caliban's speech, II, II, 12-15.

146-149 Will . . . had wak'd . . . Will would] ALLEN (*Phila. Sh. Soc.*).

Ready to drop vpon me, 'that when I wak'd
I cri'de to dreame againe. 150

Ste. This will proue a braue kingdome to me,
Where I shall haue my Muficke for nothing.

Cal When *Prospero* is destroy'd.

Ste. That shall be by and by. 155
I remember the storie

Trin. The found is going away,
Lets follow it, and after do our worke

Ste. Leade Monfter, 159

150 *that when*] *when* Pope, Han 152-163 Lines run on, Pope et seq
then when Theob II, Johns 157 Trin] Cal Daniel, Huds

A striking example of the use of 'will' to *express a custom*, in the present as well as in the preterite At the middle of his speech ('and then, in dreaming') Caliban changes from the expression of habitual occurrence, without reference to time, by the *present* tense, to that of habitual occurrence in past time, by the *preterite* tense He does this, because one remarkable dream at that moment recurs to his memory, and finally carries him away from even habitual occurrence in past time ('the clouds would open') to one particular incident ('when I wak'd, I cry'd to sleep again')—In line 147, uniformity of syntax requires 'if I then *have* wak'd', and it is difficult to discover any possible justification for the use of the pluperfect It cannot be, that Caliban had already begun to shift ground in his mind from present to past time, for then he would have said '*would* (and not *will*) make me sleep again' It is just conceivable, that the pluperfect *might* be used to denote the more *immediate* precedence of the waking to the being made to sleep again, but that is what there seems to be no reason to denote I am, therefore, disposed to correct by substituting *have* for 'had.' *Have*, in the handwriting of the day, with the left side of the *v* rising in a curve above the line, might easily be mistaken by the compositor for a *d* with the right stroke bent to the left

155 *by and by*] STAUNTON *By and by*, as well as *presently*, now imply some brief delay, but in old language they usually meant *immediately*—W. A. WRIGHT That is, immediately [Rather, I think, *presently*, *shortly*, as in 'Imbowelled will I see thee by and by, Till then, in blood, by noble Percy lie'—*I Hen IV V*, iv, 109, cited under 4 in the analysis of this adverbial phrase in MURRAY'S *New Eng. Dict.* The drunken crew were coming under the effects of the charm which Ariel afterwards told Prospero that he fitting around them, and Stephano was ready to postpone the blaming of Prospero in order to follow the music—ED.]

157, 158 DANIEL (p. 13) Give this speech to Caliban. Stephano replies to it, 'Lead, monster, we'll follow' And Trinculo adds, 'I'll follow' [Is it in character that Caliban, who was so eager to destroy Prospero, and who had such painful experience of Prospero's power, should propose an aimless pursuit of what he knew was unreal? The music could awaken no curiosity in him. He had heard it too often It excited the curiosity of the others, not of him It is Stephano who says, 'I would I could see this taborer' See the last note of this Scene—ED.]

Wee'l follow . I would I could see this Taborer, 160

He layes it on

Trin. Wilt come?

Ile follow *Stephano*.

Exeunt. 163

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| 160 <i>this</i>] <i>his</i> F ₃ F ₄ | <i>phano</i> Anon (ap Grey), Ritson, Dyce |
| 162, 163 <i>Trin</i> <i>Wilt</i> <i>Stephano</i>] | ii, iii, Huds <i>Trin</i> <i>Wilt come</i> ? <i>Ste</i> <i>I'll</i> |
| <i>Steph</i> <i>Wilt come</i> ? <i>Trin</i> <i>I'll follow Ste-</i> | <i>follow</i> Cap |

160 Taborer] WEDGWOOD (s v *Tabor—Tambour—Tambourine—Timbrel*) The sound of a blow is very generally represented by the syllables *tab, tap, dab, dob, top*, or the like. Thus the Spaniards represent the beating of the drum by *tapatan* or *taparapatan*, as we by *rubadub* or *dubadub* —STEEVENS With several of the incidents in this Scene compare the description of the desert of Lop, in Asia, by Marco Paolo (of whose travels there was an English translation by John Frampton in 1579) '—You shall heare in the ayre the sound of tabers and other instruments, to put the traueellers in feare, &c by euill spirittes that make these soundes, and also do call diuerse of the traueellers by their names,' &c, ch 36 Thus, too, Milton 'And airy tongues, that syllable mens' names On sands, and shores, and desert wildernesses' —*Comus*, 208

162, 163 The distribution of speeches has here given rise to emendation. The earliest to propose a change is the 'learned and ingenious person, dead some time ago,' whose notes GREY recorded under the title of ANONYMOUS. His note here reads 'I should rather think "wilt come?" was spoken by Stephano. To which Trinculo replies "I'll follow Stephano"'. This change anticipates Ritson (*Remarks*, 1783, p 6, *Cursory Crit* 1792, p 35) by thirty years, although to Ritson it has been attributed by Dyce (who adopted it) and by the Cam Ed —KNIGHTLEY gives it his approval —CAPELL interprets the situation differently. 'The "wilt come,"' he says (666), 'of [Trinculo] makes a line by itself in both Folios, and, under it, is in them —Ile follow *Stephano*, which, if meant for the other words' speaker, had been in line along with them, and so might have been, Caliban *leads* the way, as he's order'd, Trinculo follows, but, finding he is not follow'd, turns back and addresses *Wilt come* to the orderer, who is in search of his "taborer," throwing his eyes about him'. The force of the argument which Capell draws from the separation of the lines in the Folio is weakened, I think, by the place which these lines occupy on the page. They are the last in the column and at the end of a Scene, and I suppose that they were purposely expanded by the compositor to fill up what would otherwise be a vacant space. There is, what I think, a parallel case in *As You Like It*, II, vi, 15–21, where, in order to 'space out' the column, 'stark prose,' as Dyce truly calls it, was converted into verse of very short lines —In the interpretation of the present passage HEATH (p 25) has anticipated me, his note reads 'The first words [i.e. Trinculo's] "Wilt come?" are addressed to Caliban, who, vexed at the folly of his new companions idly running after the music, seems, for some little time, to have stayed behind'. This is to me decidedly the true interpretation. Trinculo asks Caliban 'Wilt come?' and then adds, by way of further persuasion, 'I am going to follow Stephano'. The last line was turned into an address to Stephano by Steevens in 1778, and the comma before 'Stephano,' for which Steevens is the sole authority, has given a wrong twist to the meaning in every edition (except Knight's) ever since, at least, so it seems, to the present Ed.

Scena Tertia.

*Enter Alonso, Sebastian, Antonio, Gonzallo,
Adrian, Francisco, &c.*

Gon By'r lakin, I can goe no further, Sir,
My old bones akes here's a maze trod indeede 5
Through fourth rights, & Meanders by your patience,
I needes muft rest me

Al Old Lord, I cannot blame thee,
Who, am my felfe attach'd with wearineffe
To th'dulling of my spirits · Sit downe, and rest : 10
Euen here I will put off my hope, and keepe it
No longer for my Flatterer · he is droun'd 12

2 Changes again Pope Changes to 6 *fourth rights*] *forth rights* F₂,
another Part of the Island Theob *forth-rights* F₃F₄, et seq *sore frights*
5 *akes*] Ktly, Rlf *ake* Ff et cet Wilson
maze trod] *maze-trod* Ktly 12 *Flatterer*] *flatterers* Ff

4 *By'r*] Probably pronounced *Beer* Of course, 'lakin' is *ladykin*

5 *akes*] For the grammar, see I, 1, 24, for the pronunciation of *ache*, see I, II, 433

6 *fourth rights*] HUNTER (*Disquisition*, &c p 130) It would not be easy to find this word in any other writer than Shakespeare, in whose *Tro & Cress* III, III, 158, it again occurs In both places it evidently means no more than *straight line* —KNIGHT There is an allusion here to an artificial maze, which is sometimes constructed of straight lines ('forth-rights'), sometimes of circles ('meanders') [Knight's definition reads suspiciously like one which has been devised to suit the text Gonzalo does not refer literally to a carefully-plotted maze, such as that at Hampton Court He might have used the word labyrinth, without referring to one similar to that of Crete But HALLIWELL (p 46), strangely enough, takes 'maze' in its technical sense of a maze artificially constructed, and asks 'Are we to suppose that Prospero, Miranda, or Caliban had amused themselves in this way?'—ED]

9 *attach'd*] MURRAY (*New Eng Dict*) The development of signification seems to have been thus 1 The regular O F sense was 'to fasten,' as in mod Eng, where, however, this sense is of quite recent adoption from mod F 2 The earlier Eng sense of 'arrest, seize' arose in A F and Eng, as an elliptical expression for '*attach* by some tie to the control or jurisdiction of the court,' i e so that it shall have a *hold* on the party A man might thus be *attaché* or 'nailed' *par le cors* by his body, *par es avers et par ses chateus* by his goods and chattels, *par pleges* by sureties for his appearance (Britton) In the first two cases the *attachment* consisted in *arrest* and *detention* 3 The It equivalent is *attaccare* · in the 16th c the It. *attaccare battaglia*, to join battle, *attaccarsi a*, to fasten (oneself) upon, 'attack,' was first imitated with Fr *attacher*, and then adopted in Fr as *attaquer*, whence Eng *ATTACK*, and occasional 17th c use of *attach*

Whom thus we flay to finde, and the Sea mocks 13
Our frustrate search on land: well, let him goe.

Ant I am right glad, that he's so out of hope 15
Doe not for one repulse forgoe the purpose
That you resolu'd t'effect.

Seb The next aduantage will we take throughly.

Ant. Let it be to night,
For now they are oppres'd with trauaile, they 20
Will not, nor cannot vse such vigilance
As when they are fresh

*Solemne and strange Musicke: and Prosper on the top (mut-
sible:) Enter seuerall strange shapes, ringing in a Banquet;
and dance about it with genile actions of salutations, and 25
muting the King, &c. to eate, they depart*

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| 15 [Aside to Seb Han | (subs) |
| that he's] that's he Pope 1, 11 | 23 Solemne Muticke] After line 27, |
| 18-27 All marked as aside, Cap | Cam Glo Jeph Dyce 11, 111, Wrt, Rife, |
| 18 Two lines, Pope et seq | Huds Wh 11 |
| thoroughly] thoroughly Steev '93, | and Prosper, &c] Enter Prospero, |
| Var Knt, Coll Hal Sing Ktly | &c (after line 29), Cam Glo Jeph Dyce |
| 20 trauaile] travell F ₃ F ₄ | 11, 111, Wrt, Rife, Huds. Wh 11 |
| 22 they are] they're Pope+, Jeph. | on the top] above. Mal et seq |
| Dyce 11, 111, Huds | 25 salutations] salutation Rowe 11 |
| 23, &c after line 27, Pope et seq. | et seq |

16 forgoe] W A WRIGHT The First Folio spells this word correctly, so far as regards the first syllable, everywhere 'forgo' or 'forgoe'

23 on the top] COLLIER Meaning, perhaps, in some machine let down with ropes from the ceiling, or possibly only in the balcony at the back of the stage

24-26 Enter, &c] HUNTER (*Disquisition*, &c p 114) There might be among the original spectators of this play, some who believed in the power of [magicians] to produce the delusive visions and the aerial music which fill so large a space in it [P 125 The following are] some notices of the power which some persons in the Middle Ages possessed, of producing delusions of various kinds, resembling those which we find in this play Chaucer has given a very lively description of what could be done by an accomplished tregetour Persons seated in the great hall of a castle saw a barge come sailing in or a lion prow! about a room, suddenly the stone floor would become a green mead, in which sprung daisies and butter-cups, a vine would be trailed along the wall, and grapes would appear in little green bunches, which would soon be enlarged, coloured, and ripened. Chaucer tells us that he had actually seen this, possibly when he was abroad, but Aubrey, in a MS on *Remains of Gentilism*, &c speaks of an exhibition resembling this, at which his grandfather was present John Melton, author of that sensible tract, *The Astrologaster*, describes an exhibition which he had himself witnessed at Cambridge, in the reign of James I, in which an orange plant was seen to spring in the midst of a room, to grow up into a goodly tree, and finally to bear fruit, which went on enlarging and

Seb I fay to night · no more 27

Al What harmony is this? my good friends, harke.

Gon. Maruellous sweet Muficke.

Alo. Giue vs kind keepers, heauē what were thefe? 30

Seb. A liuing *Drolierie*: now I will beleuee

That there are Vnicornes: that in *Arabia*

There is one Tree, the Phoenix throne, one Phoenix 33

30 *heauē*] *heaven* Rowen + *heavens*
kf et cet

30 *were*] *are* F, Rowe, Pope, Han
31 *will*] *well* Daniel

ripening in the presence of the spectators —We who have witnessed the phantasmagoria and the diorama may conceive the possibility of deceptions such as these, though, I confess, it seems as if in these dioptrical illusions there was greater skill in former ages than is manifested in these times [Hunter here quotes at length two anecdotes, one from Melton's *Astrologaster*, 1620, p 75, and the other from Beard's *Theatre of God's Judgments*, 1631, p 121 The former is given on the authority of Erasmus, and tells how a Roman priest invited a company of ladies to a banquet, where they partook of a variety of rare and strange dishes, but about half an hour after their return home 'their stomachs began to call upon them for meat,' and they were as hungry as if they had eaten nothing, which, the priest afterwards revealed to them, was the truth, for 'his art did delude both the eye that thought it saw such things and the palate that seemed to taste those delicacies,'—in sooth, the bare imagination of a feast The second anecdote is to the same effect, only that what was in the former a solitary occasion, in the present case appears to have been the standing characteristic of the hospitality of 'the Lord of Orme', after his guests had departed, although they had partaken of the best of fare, 'they pined for want of food, having neither eaten nor drunk save in imagination only,' and 'their horses fared no better than their masters' Hunter thus concludes] Shakespeare has shown his accustomed good sense by representing the banquet as only shown to the king and his followers, not partaken of by them . I have no pleasure in repeating that such and such eminent commentator is mistaken, but I cannot forbear adding that the note of Steevens [as below] misleads, as he entirely mistakes the *kind* of illusion which Prospero, by his magic art, practised on the strangers

31 *Drolierie*] STEEVENS Shows, called *drolleries*, were, in Shakespeare's time, performed by puppets only From these our modern *drolls*, exhibited at fairs, &c. took their name So in Beau and Fl's *Valentinian*, II, 11 'I had rather make a drollery till thirty'—MALONE 'A living drollery' is one not represented by wooden machines, but by personages who are alive.

33 *Phoenix*] From Pliny we get all our knowledge of this bird In Lib x, cap 11 (Holland, 1, 271) we find 'The Phoenix of Arabia passes all other [birds I know not] whether it be a tale or no that there is neuer but one of them in all the world, and the same not commonly seen By report he is as big as an *Ægle* for colour, as yellow and bright as gold (namely, all about the necke), the rest of the bodie a deep red purple; the taile azure blew, intermingled with feathers among of rose carnation color, and the head brauely adorned with a crest and penach finely wrought, hauing a tuft and plume thereupon, right faire and goodly to be seen Manilius, the noble Roman Senatour, was the first man of the long Robe who wrot of this bird at

At this houre reigning there

Ant. Ile beleeeue both

35

And what do's else want credit, come to me

And Ile befworne 'tis true · Trauellers nere did lye,

Though fooles at home condemne 'em.

Gon. If in *Naples*

I should report this now, would they beleeeue me?

40

If I should say I saw such Islands,

(For certes, these are people of the Island)

Who though they are of monstrous shape, yet note

Their manners are more gentle, kinde, then of

44

37 'tis true] to't Steev conj
nere did lye] ne'er lied Han

38 'em] Ff, Rowe +, Cap Wh Dyce,
Sta Cam Glo Jeph Wrt, Rife, Huds
Dtn them Mal et cet

41 *Islands*] *Islanders* Ff et seq

44 *Their kinde*] One line, reading
of a more gentle kind Sing (MS)

gentle, kinde] gentle-kind Theob
Johns Steev Hal Dyce, Sta Cam Glo
Jeph. Clke, Ktly, Wrt

large, & most exquisitely He reporteth that neuer man was known to see him feeding, that he liueth 660 yeares, and when he groweth old, and begins to decay, he builds himselfe with the twigs and branches of the Canell or Cinamon and Frank incense trees, and when he hath filled it with all sort of sweet Aromaticall spices, yeeldeth vp his life thereupon He saith, moreouer, that of his bones and marrow there breedeth at first as it were a little worme which afterward proueth to be a prettie bird And the first thing that this yong new Phoenix doth, is to perform the obseques of the former Phoenix late deceased to translate and cary away his whole nest into the cite of the Sun, neere Panchea, and to bestow it full deuoutly there vpon the altar Brought he was hither also to Rome, . . and shewed openly to be seen in a full hall and generall assembly of the people, as appeareth vpon the public records howbeit, no man euer made any doubt, but he was a counterfeit Phoenix, and no better'—ED—MALONE refers to *The Phanix and Turtle*, 2 'Let the bird of loudest lay, On the sole Arabian tree', and also to Lyly's *Euphues and his England*, '—as there is but one *Phoenix* in the world, so is there but one tree in *Arabia*, where-in she buyldeth' [p 312, ed Arber], also to Florio's *Worldie of Wordes*, 1598 '*Rasim*, a tree in *Arabia*, whereof there is but one found, and vpon it the Phenix sits'

40. beleeeue me?] ALLFN (*Phila Sh Soc*) would substitute a dash for this interrogation mark, which is to be removed to the end of the speech

44. gentle, kinde] The hyphen by which Theobald joined these words has been adopted by some of the best editors, Walker includes it in the long list which he gives (*Crit* 1, 21–55) of compound epithets Unquestionably, we should join with a hyphen two adjectives, where the former is clearly used adverbially, as, e g in 'But earthlier-happy is the rose distill'd,' but we should be very sure before doing so that this adverbial relation exists Would it be right to add a hyphen in 'Not all the water in the rough, rude sea'? Yet would Walker add it, and even more erroneously, I think, in that condensed definition of life 'This sensible, warm motion.'

Our humane generation you shall finde 45
Many, nay almost any.

Pro Honest Lord,
Thou hast said well: for some of you there present;
Are worfe then duels

Al. I cannot too much muse 50
Such shapes, such gesture, and such sound expressing
(Although they want the use of tongue) a kinde
Of excellent dumbe discourse.

Pro. Praise in departing.

Fr. They vanish'd strangely. 55

Seb No matter, since (macks.
They haue left their Viands behinde, for wee haue sto-
Wilt please you taste of what is here?

Alo. Not I. (Boyes

Gon Faith Sir, you neede not feare: when wee were 60
Who would beleuee that there were Mountayneeres,
Dew-lapt, like Bulls, whose throats had hanging at'em 62

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| 47-49, 54 As aside, Cap | 56 No] 'Tis no Han |
| 50 muse] F ₂ F ₃ , Knt, Hal Dyce, Cam | 57 They haue] They've Pope +, Jeph |
| Glo Jeph Wrt, Rife, Wh n muse, Cap | Dyce n, m, Huds |
| muse—Ktly muse, F ₄ et cet. | 58 Will] Will't Cap (in Errata) et |
| 51 gesture sound] gestures sounds | seq |
| Coll MS | 59 Alo] Ant Han |
| 53 excellent dumbe] Hyphened, | 62 'em] them Steev '93, Var Knt, |
| Walker | Coll Hal Sing Ktly |
| 55 Fr] Ant Kinnear conj | |

By reading it *sensible-warm* Walker makes the phrase almost tautological. So in the present case, I think, the same results follow the conversion of 'gentle' into a mere adverb, qualifying 'kind', its full force is needed to qualify 'manners'. Again, I cannot agree with Walker in writing, in line 53, *excellent-dumbe*, was it the superlative dumbness of the discourse that Alonzo praised, or an excellent kind of discourse which was also dumb?—ED

50 muse] STEEVENS That is, admire, wonder at. So in *Macb* III, iv, 85 'Do not muse at me'—W. A. WRIGHT Not elsewhere in Shakespeare used in such a construction [Which makes Keightley's pause after it, and broken sentence, plausible.—ED]

54 Praise, &c] CAPELL That is, stay your praises, 'till you see how your entertainment will end.—STEEVENS: It is a proverbial expression. Gosson, in his pamphlet entitled *Playes confuted in five Actions*, &c (no date), acknowledges himself to have been the author of a morality called *Praise at Parting*.

55, 56 WALKER (*Vers* 24) suspects some corruption or misarrangement here.—ABBOTT, § 487, suggests 'perhaps' 'They van | ish'd strang | ely | No mat | ter
since'

Wallets of flesh? or that there were such men 63
 Whose heads stood in their breasts? which now we finde
 Each putter out of five for one, will bring vs 65

65 *putter out*] *puttes-out* Cap et seq Ktly *of one for five* Thirby, Mal Var
 (subs) Hal Dyce, Huds *of five for ten* Thirby
of five for one] *on five for one* at *five for one* Daniel
 Theob +, Cap Steev Mal Sing Wh 1,

63 **Wallets of flesh**] GREY (1, 29) Compare 'Quis tumidum guttur miratur in Alpihus?'—Juvenal, *Sat* XIII, 168 [These 'wallets of flesh' have been always understood as referring to goitre, to which the allusions are many throughout our early English literature. The disease was familiar to the Romans as a characteristic of Switzerland, as we learn from Juvenal, it was common in France, and it is by no means improbable that it was well known of old in England, where it is now known as 'the Derbyshire neck.' Is it likely that instances of a disease thus widely disseminated and generally known would form the stock of travellers' stories, and that any putter out of five for one would be discredited who gave an account of it? Be this, however, as it may, I doubt if any goitre could ever have been called a 'wallet', pendulous, monstrous they may have been, even to the extent of being supported on wheels pushed in front of the patient, but 'wallets' they were not. Certainly not in the every-day meaning of *wallet*, or in the only meaning in which Shakespeare uses it, as in *Tro and Cress* 'Time hath, my lord, a wallet at his back,' &c. The mountaineers may have been dew lapp'd, but, assuredly, their *goitres* were not *wallets*—SKEAT, I know, uses this very passage to prove that *wattles* and *wallets* are the same, but then it is on the assumption that 'wallets' are goitres, whereas I do not think that the 'wallet' Gonzalo refers to is a goitre at all, but a genuine wallet of flesh hanging from the throat, and such a wallet we find in that compilation of travellers' tales of the Middle Ages, gathered by Gesner and translated by Toppell, 1698. In his chapter on *The Satyre* (p. 14) we read 'Satyres have no human conditions in them, nor other resemblance of men beside their outward shape, though *Solimus* speake of them like as of men. They cary their meat vnder their chin as in a store-house, and from thence being hungry they take it forth to eate, making it ordinary [i.e. dinner-time] with them every day, which is but annuall in the *Formica* lions' (These lions, we afterwards learn, ate only once a year.) Here we have the 'wallet of flesh', and the wood-cut illustrates it. The Satyre is represented as holding in his left hand a pipe, while his right hand is thrust into a wallet hanging under his chin and formed of flesh, for clothing of any kind he has none. It is not difficult to surmise that the Pouched Apes gave rise to the story.—ED

64 **Whose heads, &c.**] GREY (1, 29) refers to Pliny (Bk V, cap 8, p. 96, Holland's trans.) for an account of the 'Blemmyi,' who, 'by report, have no heads, but mouth and eyes both in their breast'—MALONE. See Hakluyt's *Voyages*, 1598. 'On that branch which is called *Caora* are a nation of people, whose heads appear not above their shoulders. They are reported to have eyes in their shoulders, and their mouths in the middle of their breasts' [See Notes on *Om* I, III, 167, in this ed.]

65 **of five for one**] This phrase, which much troubled the early editors, refers to a custom which in effect reverses the modern *Travellers' Insurance Companies*. Theobald discovered the exact explanation of it in Jonson's *Every Man out of his Humour*, but yet failed thoroughly to comprehend it. He believed that the phrase,

[65 putter out of five for one]

which really needs no change whatever, needed the substitution of *on* for 'of' Puntarvalo, in Jonson's comedy, II, 1, p 72, ed Gifford, says 'I do intend to travel, and . . . I am determined to put forth some five thousand pound to be paid me five for one upon the return of myself, my wife, and my dog from the Turk's court in Constantinople If all or either of us miscarry in the journey, 'tis gone, if we be successful, why, there will be five and twenty thousand pound to entertain time withal' The vain-glorious knight therefore was a speculator on the chances of receiving five for his one, exactly as the Folio has it, 'a putter out of five for one' 'Five for one' may well have been a phrase used by those who lent money on such travellers' risks —STEEVENS cited passages, referring to the custom, from Chapman and Shirley's *The Ball*, 1639, and from *Amends for Ladies*, also in 1639, which merely prove the continued prevalence of the custom long after Shakespeare's day, and do not enlarge our knowledge Steevens also cites a sentence from Barnaby Riche's *Faults, and Nothing but Faults*, 1607, to show that a lower rate of premium, of 'two or three for one,' was sometimes accepted —MALONE It appears from Moryson's *Itinerary*, 1617, I, 198, that 'this custom of giving out money upon these adventures was first used in court, and among noblemen', and that some years before his book was published, 'bankerouts, stage-players, and men of base condition had drawn it into contempt,' by undertaking journeys merely for gain upon their return [In a foot-note to the speech of Puntarvalo, just given, Gifford approves of Malone's reading (see Text Notes), and condemns Steevens's, 1 e Theobald's, as one 'which to the ears of Shakespeare and his audiences would have been intolerable'] —HALLIWELL remarks that 'this curious method of assurance is continually alluded to by old writers', and thereupon gives nearly five folio pages of extracts in illustration, among them two blank forms of the Legal Instruments used on such occasions from West's *Symbolography*, 1605, and *The Second Part of the Young Clerk's Guide*, &c 1652 —The CAMBRIDGE EDITORS See Beau and Fl's *The Noble Gentleman*, I, 1 [p 119, ed Dyce] 'The return will give you five for one' *Marine* is about to travel —DYCE, in his first edition, asserts that the words of the Folio do not bear the meaning of 'at the rate of five for one' He therefore adopts Thirlby's reading, and cites, as additional justification, Gifford's remark, given above In his second and third edition he repeats his note and adds the note of the Camb Edd, just cited, a note, he says, 'in which they evidently confound "putting out five for one" with "receiving five for one," and show, besides, that they are imperfectly acquainted with the story of the play from which they quote' It is well, perhaps, to note that Thirlby's conjecture, with Theobald's discussion of it and of the passage, is to be found in Nichols's *Illustrations*, &c ii, pp 224, 244, 258, and that a parallel passage has been adduced by Dr BR NICHOLSON in *New Sh. Soc Trans* 1880-82, Pt 1, p 32, to wit: "He put out one million to use after the rate of seven score to the hundreth." —Day's *He of Guls*, 1606, that is, he, the "putter out," would in reality put out one hundred to be repaid at the rate of one hundred and forty' Again in his admirably edited Scot's *Discovery of Witchcraft*, p 547, he finds an instance almost exactly similar to the present in 'a thousand for one that fell out contrary' 'The putting out of five for one,' says Nicholson, 'is considered as one action, and is—*pace* Dyce—the receiving, as [Knight] says, at the rate of five for one, the putter out being he who puts out in the hope of receiving five for one' —ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) 'I would add, in support of F., that there is a tendency, in all languages, to make the current phrases of law, business, &c, elliptical, because they are so perfectly understood by

Good warrant of.

66

Al. I will stand to, and feede,
Although my laft, no matter, fince I feele
The beft is paft. brother. my Lord, the Duke,
Stand too, and doe as we.

70

*Thunder and Lightning Enter Aruell (like a Harpey) claps
his wings vpon the Table, and with a quent deuice the
Banquet vanifhes.*

73

69 *Lord,*] *lord* Pope et seq

70 *too*] *to* F₄ et seq

70 Scene IV Pope+

everybody that some of the words of the phrase can be left for the hearer to supply for himself. So the Greeks treated the terms connected with actions and prosecutions at law, all of which were readily understood, because transferred from the vocabulary of the chase. Demosthenes, accordingly (*De Coronâ*), says "It is not the same to me to lose your favour, as it is for Æschines not to catch his indictment" (ἐλεῖν τὴν γραφὴν)—where the full expression would be "to catch him that is trying to run away (ἐλεῖν τὸν φεύγοντα) and by this means to carry through his indictment (νικᾶν τὴν γραφὴν)." It thus appears that in the formula actually used the verb is made to govern grammatically what it does not govern logically.—In like manner, while "putter out" is grammatically followed by the Genitive "of five," it is logically followed by some Genitive equivalent to "of a capital sum"—so that the whole phrase, as filled up, would read "each putter-out of a principal for a return of five pounds for each pound left in deposit"—One of SCHMIDT's few errors is his interpretation of 'putter out' as 'one who puts to sea.' It is properly criticised by HALES (*Notes*, &c p. 182) and GRANT WHITE (*Studies*, &c p. 310)—ED

67-69 I . . . last, no . . . past] MASON I cannot but think that this passage was intended to be in rhyme, and should be printed as a rhyming couplet—DYCE quotes Mason and remarks 'But a greater objection to such an arrangement than what would arise from breaking the *συνάφεια* of the blank verse at the commencement of this speech, is presented by the words with which it concludes, "Brother as we"; for they cannot with any propriety be reduced to a single line, and there would be no little awkwardness in cutting them up into | "Brother | My lord the duke, stand to, and do as we" |'—KEIGHTLEY (*Exp* 214) Dyce properly rejects Mason's arrangement, but [as to his remark on the remainder of the speech, was he] unaware of the existence of six-foot lines in these plays? The true reason for rejecting this arrangement is that in this play Shakespeare does not employ couplets [See notes on III, 1, 28]

71 Harpey] PECK (*Milton*, p. 207), in a note on *Paradise Regained*, II, 400, remarks that both Milton and Shakespeare 'here translate Virgil, III'—STEEVENS gives the passage from Phaer's translation, 1558 '—fast to meate we fall But sodenly from downe the hills, with grisly fall to syght, The Harpies come, and beating wings, with great noys out thei shrigh, And at our meate they snatch'

72, 73 quent deuice . . vanishes] DYCE This means that the machinist of the theatre was to do his best to make it seem that the harpy had devoured the banquet (compare what Prospero says, presently, of this harpy, 'a grace it had devouring'), and to contrive some method for the disappearing of the table

Ar You are three men of finne, whom destiny
 That hath to instrument this lower world, 75
 And what is in't: the neuer surfeited Sea,
 Hath caus'd to belch vp you; and on this Island,
 Where man doth not inhabit, you 'mongst men,
 Being most vnfit to liue I haue made you mad;
 And euen with such like valour, men hang, and drowne 80
 Their proper felues · you fooles, I and my fellowes
 Are ministers of Fate, the Elements
 Of whom your swords are temper'd, may as well
 Wound the loud windes, or with bemockt-at-Stabs
 Kill the still clofing waters, as diminish 85

75, 76 *That in't*] In parenthesis,
 Pope, Theob Han Warb Cap Mal
 Var Knt

75 *instrument*] *instruments* F,
 Rowe 1

76 *in't*] *in't*, Rowe

77 *belch up you*] *belch you up* F,
 Rowe, Pope, Wh 1, Ktly *belch up*
 Theob +, Cap Steev Mal Var Coll
 Sing Huds *belch up*, yea, Sta conj
 Huds

79 *I haue*] *I've* Jeph Dyce II, III,
 Huds

79, 80 *liue And*] *liue,— As S*
 Verges

79 [Seeing them draw Cap

81 *you*] *Ye* Johns

[They draw their swords Han

83 *Of whom*] *Of which* Han

84 *bemockt-at-Stabs*] *bemockt-at Stabs*
 Rowe

74, 77 *whom . . you*] ABBOTT, § 249. The supplementary pronoun is generally confined to cases where the relative is separated from its verb by an intervening clause, and where on this account clearness requires the supplementary pronoun Thus [among many other examples] '*Whom*, Though bearing misery, I desire my life Once more to look on *him*'—*Wint T V*, I, 138, and '*Who*, if *he* break,' &c—*Mer of Ven I*, III

75 *to instrument*] This idiom is familiar from *Luke* III, 8 'We have Abraham to our father'—ED

77 *vp you*] COLLIER It seems clear that 'you' is too much for the sense verse, and grammatical construction, and we have omitted it, because we think it crept into the old text by mere inadvertence—DYCE The old text is undoubtedly right Compare *Wint T V*, I, 138 [cited above in Abbott's note, line 74] When Collier pronounced 'you' to be 'too much for the verse,' it must have escaped him that the Folio has 'caus'd'—not *caused*—HUDSON 'You' coming in after 'belch up' is, to say the least, extremely awkward And, as we have 'you' again in the next line, right under 'yea,' the misprint, if it be one, is easily accounted for. The correction is Staunton's

83 *Of whom*] ABBOTT, § 264. In almost all cases where *who* refers to an irrational antecedent, an action or personal feeling is implied, so that *who* is the subject *Whom* is rare [See II, I, 129]

84 *bemockt-at-Stabs*] For other examples of words compounded with prepositions, see ABBOTT, § 431

One dowle that's in my plumbe · My fellow minifters 86
 Are like-invulnerable if you could hurt,
 Your fwords are now too maffie for your strengths,
 And will not be vplifted But remember
 (For that's my bufineffe to you) that you three 90
 From *Mullaine* did fupplant good *Prospero*,
 Expos'd vnto the Sea (which hath requit it)
 Him, and his innocent childe: for which foule deed,
 The Powres, delaying (not forgetting) haue
 Incens'd the Seas, and Shores, yea, all the Creatures 95
 Againft your peace · Thee of thy Sonne, *Alonso*
 They haue bereft; and doe pronounce by me 97

86 *dowle*] *down* Pope+, Cap Ktly
plumbe] *plumb* F₄ *plume* Rowe

88 *strengths*] *strength* F₄, Rowe
 92 *requit it*] *requited* Wilson

et seq

85 still] That is, *always, ever*, as in Shakespeare *passim*, compare 'still-vexed Bermoothes'

86 *dowle*] TOLLET communicated to Steevens the following extracts from *Humane Industry, or, A History of most Manual Arts*, 1661, p 93, which fully explain the meaning of this word 'The wool-bearing trees in Æthiopia, which Virgil speaks of, and the Eriophori Arbores in Theophrastus, are not such trees as have a certain wool or *dowl* upon the outside of them, as the small cotton, but short trees that bear a ball upon the top, pregnant with wool, which the Syrians call Cott, the Græcians Gossypium, the Italians Bombagio, and we Bombase' 'There is a certain shell fish in the sea, called Pinna, that bears a mossy dowl or wool, whereof cloth was spun and made' Again, p 95, 'Trichitis, or the hayrie stone, by some Greek authors, and Alumen plumaceum, or downy alum, by the Latinists this hair or dowl is spun into thread, and weaved into cloth'—MALONE Cole, in his *Lat Dict* 1679, interprets 'young dowle' by *lanugo*—WALKER (*Crit* III, 5) Note the spelling in *2 Hen IV* IV, v, 32 'There lies a dowlney feather . . . that light and weightlesse dowlne' I suspect that *dowlne* was the old spelling, then growing out of use, and that *dowle* in *The Tempest* is only a corruption of *dowlne* In the very same line the Folio has 'plumbe' for *plume*—F. A CARRINGTON (*N & Qu* 2d S. VII, p 483, 1859) In Gloucestershire the plumage of young goslings before they have feathers is called *dowle* I believe that any plumage that I should call *down* they would call *dowle*—DYCE I find the rare verb *bedowl* in *An Eclogue* by Davies, appended to Browne's *Shepherds Pipe* 'What though time yet hannot bedowid thy chin' 1620

83-87 swords . . . invulnerable] RITSON So in Phaer's Virgil [ed 1558, ap Collier] Book III 'Their swords by them they laid . . . And on the filthy birds they beat . . . But fetters none do from them fal, nor wound nor strok doth bleed, Nor force of weapons hurt them can.'

87. like-invulnerable] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) Not 'like those who are invulnerable,' but 'invulnerable *alike* [with me]' Write, therefore, '*like* for *alike*, just as '*las*' is written for *alas*.'

Lingring perdition (worfe then any death 98
 Can be at once) fhall ftep, by ftep attend
 You, and your wayes, whofe wraths to guard you from, 100
 Which here, in this moft defolate Ifle, elfe fals
 Vpon your heads, is nothing but hearts-forrow,
 And a cleere life enfuing.

*He vanifhes in Thunder: then (to foft Muficke) Enter the
 fhapes againe, and daunce (with mockes and nowes) and 105
 carrying out the Table*

Pro. Brauely the figure of this *Harpie*, haft thou
 Perform'd (my *Arnell*) a grace it had deuouring
 Of my Inſtruction, haft thou nothing bated
 In what thou had'ſt to fay: fo with good life, 110
 And obferuation ſtrange, my meaner miniſters

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| 100 | wraths] | wrath | Theob | Warb | -sorrow or heart's sorrow | Rowe et |
| Johns | Dyce 11, 111 | | | | cet | |
| | guard] | guards | F. | | 105 | mockes] mopps Theob |
| 101 | fals] | fall | Han | | 107 | [Aside Cap |
| 102 | is] | there's | Han | | | Harpie, <i>haſt</i> harpy'ſt Allen |
| | hearts-forrow] | Ff | heart-sorrow | | 110 | life] <i>haſt</i> Johns conj will S. |
| Cam | Glo | Jeph | Wh 11, Dtn | heart's- | Verges | |

98, 99 death . . once] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) A ſingular interpoſition of the verb—a ſpecies of *Tmesis* The actual order is ‘worse than any death-at-once can be’

100, 101 wraths . . Which . . fals] ABBOTT, § 247, claſſes this with many other examples of a ſingular verb following a relative with a plural antecedent.—W. A. WRIGHT holds ‘falls’ to be a ſingular by attraction, the ſingular ſubſtantive ‘iſle’ occurring immediately before, whereof Abbott, § 412, gives many examples.

102. 15] For other examples of this ellipſis of *there is*, ſee ABBOTT, § 404

103 cleere] JOHNSON: Pure, blameleſs, innocent

109 bated] Albeit a mere contraction of *abate*, it is ſufficiently independent to be correctly printed without the ſign of contraction

110. good life] JOHNSON This may mean ‘with exact preſentation of their ſeveral characters, with obſervation ſtrange of their particular and diſtinct parts’ So we ſay, ‘he acted to the *life*’ [A paraphraſe which DYCE adopts]—STEVENS. In *Twelfth N* II, 11, ‘good life’ ſeems to be uſed for innocent jollity ‘Would you,’ ſays the Clown, ‘have a love ſong, or a ſong of *good life*?’ [STAUNTON refers to this uſe of the phraſe in *Twelfth N*, and ſays it is as ambiguous there as here]—HENLEY: To do anything with *good life* is ſtill a provincial expreſſion in the weſt of Eng- land, and ſignifies ‘to do it with the full bent and energy of the mind’—COLLIER That is, probably, with all appearance of actual exiſtence—as if what was done were real, and no deluſion—W A WRIGHT With lifelike truthfulneſs and rare attention to their ſeveral parts. [See IV, 1, 9, where ‘ſtrange’ is uſed in the ſame ſenſe as here.]

Their feuerall kindes haue done: my high charmes work, 112

And these (mine enemies) are all knit vp

In their distractions. they now are in my powre,

And in these fits, I leaue them, while I visit 115

Yong *Ferdinand* (whom they suppoſe is droun'd)

And his, and mine lou'd darling

Gon. I'th name of ſomething holy, Sir, why ſtand you

In this ſtrange ſtaie ?

Al O, it is monſtrous: monſtrous: 120

Me thought the billowes ſpoke, and told me of it,

The windes did ſing it to me: and the Thunder

(That deepe and dreadfull Organ-Pipe) pronounc'd 123

114 *now*] Om Pope+.

cet

115 *while*] *whilst* Rowe II+, Steev

117 [Exit *Prospero* from above.

Mal Var Sing Ktly

Theob

116 *whom*] *who* Han S Verges

118 *something holy, Sir,*] *something,*

117 *mine*] Ff, Hal. Dyce, Sta Cam

holy Sir, F₄

Glo Jeph Wrt, Wh II *my* Rowe et

112 *kindes*] STEEVENS. Thus in *Ant. & Cleop.* V, II, 264 'the worm will do his kind'

116 *whom* . . droun'd] ABBOTT, § 410. So in *Matt* xvi, 13, all the versions except Wickliffe's have. '*Whom* do men say that I, the Son of man, *am*?' Wickliffe has '*Whom* seien men to be mennes sone?' This passage explains the idiom. It is a confusion of two constructions, e g 'Ferdinand *who*, they suppose, *is drowned*,' and '*whom* they suppose to be *drowned*'

117 *mine*] ABBOTT, § 238 *Mine, hers, theirs* are used as pronominal adjectives before their nouns. In the [present line] '*mine*' is only separated by an adjective from its noun '*mine* lov'd darling'. More remarkable are '*yours* and my discharge,' II, I, 277, *supra*; 'By *hers* and mine adultery'—*Cymb.* V, v, 186; 'Even in *theirs* and in the commons' ears'—*Coriol* V, vi, 4. It is felt that the ear cannot wait till the end of the sentence while so slight a word as *her* or *their* remains with nothing to depend on. The same explanation applies to *mine*, which, though unemphatic immediately before its noun, is emphatic when separated from its noun

120 it] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*). That is, 'my trespass,' my crime against *Prospero*. Alonzo shrinks from the more definite expression of what so suddenly harrows up his conscience

120, &c BUCKNILL (p 58) Ariel charms Alonzo, Sebastian, and Antonio into madness. The intention of suicide is expressed by Alonzo, that of desperate fight, the other two. The phrensy of Alonzo is also distinguished by the fixed idea of his own guilt, and a state resembling hallucination founded upon it. These lines [120-127] afford a beautiful example of the transition of absorbing emotion into perverted sensation through the influence of excited fancy, representing the lunatic of 'imagination all compact'. It is the very opposite of matter-of-fact reason.

The name of *Prosper*. it did bafe my Trespaffe,
 Therefore my Sonne i'th Ooze is bedded; and 125
 I'le seeke him deeper then ere plummet founded,
 And with him there lye mudded.

Seb. But one feend at a time,
 Ile fight their Legions ore

Ant. Ile be thy Second *Exeunt.* 130

Gon All three of them are desperate. their great guilt
 (Like poyfon giuen to worke a great time after)
 Now gins to bite the spirits: I doe beseech you
 (That are of suppler ioynts) follow them swiftly,
 And hinder them from what this extasie 135
 May now prouoke them to

Ad. Follow, I pray you. *Exeunt omnes.* 137

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| 124 <i>Prosper</i>] <i>Prospero</i> Anon (ap | conj |
| Grey) | 129 [Exit Cap |
| <i>base</i>] <i>bass</i> Johns Steev Dyce, | 132 <i>poyson</i>] <i>yoyson</i> F ₃ |
| Sta Cam Glo Jeph Wrt, Huds Wh | <i>great</i>] <i>long</i> Walker, Huds |
| u, Dtn | 133 <i>the</i>] <i>their</i> Allen, Daniel |
| <i>my</i>] <i>thy</i> F ₄ | <i>doe</i>] Om Pope, Han |
| 127, 128 <i>with him</i> But] Om Steev | |

124 *base*] HEATH It served as the bass in a concert, to proclaim my trespass in the loudest and fullest tone —STEEVENS So in the *Faerie Queene*, u, 12, 33 '—the rolling sea, resounding soft, In his big base them fitly answered'

125 *and*] See I, u, 14

132 *poison after*] HOLT Seamen are strongly persuaded that the Africans, especially on the Guiney Coast, can temper Poison so as to operate at any precise time and in any limited degree, and that during the interval the patient shall feel no effect from the dose [STEEVENS makes a similar assertion, but gives no authority, and then adds] So in the celebrated libel called *Leicester's Commonwealth* 'I heard him once myselfe in publique act at Oxford, and that in presence of my lord of Leicester, maintain that poison might be so tempered and given, as it should not appear presently, and yet should kill the party afterwards at what time should be appointed.'

133 *the spirits*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) Current English certainly requires *their* instead of 'the,' and perhaps we should so write, at any rate; nothing could be easier to mistake than the MS character for *th* (much like a *y*), followed by the *r* above the line for that with the *e*

135 *extasie*] NARES In the usage of Snakespeare and some others it stands for every species of alienation of mind, whether temporary or permanent, proceeding from joy, sorrow, wonder, or any other exciting cause, and thus certainly suits with the etymology, *ἐκστασις*

*Actus Quartus. Scena Prima.**Enter Prospero, Ferdinand, and Miranda.*

Pro. If I haue too aufterely puniſh'd you,
Your compenſation makes amends, for I
Haue giuen you here, a third of mine owne life, 5

2 Prospero's Cave Pope Prospero's Jeph Wh 11 *a third* Tollett, Glo Wrt
Cell Theob Phillpotts *the thread* Heath *the mo*
5 *a third*] Ff, Rowe, Pope, Johns Bailey *a thread* Theob et cet
Cap Steev '85, Mal '90, Coll 1, Cam

5 *third*] The difficulty of a threefold division of Prospero's life occurred to Theobald, who, in a letter to Concanen (Mist's *Journal*, 16 March, 1727-28, Nichols's *Illust* 11, 199), suggested the emendation which afterwards appeared in his edition, and which since then has been adopted by a majority of editors, who were not taught caution, as they might have been, by its very obviousness. In his edition Theobald's note is as follows: 'Why is she only a third of his own life? He had no wife living, nor any other child to rob her of a share in his affection, so that we may reckon her at least *half* of himself. Nor could he intend that he lov'd himself twice as much as he did her, for he immediately subjoins that it was "she for whom he liv'd." In *Othello*, when Iago alarms the Senator with the loss of his daughter, he tells him "you have lost half your soul." And *Dimidium anima mea* is the current language on such occasions. There is no room for doubt, but I have restored to the poet his true reading, and the *thread of life* is a phrase most frequent with him.' Hereupon follow several examples of Shakespeare's use of the phrase 'thread of life.' In Mist's *Journal* Theobald refers to the old way of spelling, *third*, and cites an example where a spider's *thread* is misprinted 'third' in *Lingua*, IV, vi.—HOLT disapproves of Theobald's change, and supposes that 'the old Gentleman,' as he is pleased to call Prospero, may have computed Miranda and himself as two-thirds and his future princely son-in-law as the remaining third.—Nor will HEATH accede to Theobald's emendation. The *thread of life* refers to Clotho's distaff. 'But,' says Heath, 'it was never imagined that more threads than one were spun for any one man. Whereas "*a thread*" supposes that the threads of Prospero's life were more than one, and that he gave away one of them in giving away his daughter. This objection will indeed be obviated if we read, "*The thread of my own life*." But I much doubt the necessity of any alteration at all, it being a liberty commonly taken by poets, in a view either of exaggerating or depreciating, to put a certain number or proportion for an uncertain.'—CAPPELL believes that if the next line, 'Or that for which I live,' had been 'reflected on thoroughly by editors and their remarkers,' Theobald's correction 'had not been fallen-in with' so readily, 'for that poetical *thread* of the fates' spinning is not what we live "for," but what we live *by*.' The three thirds of Prospero's life Capell then assumes to be his realm, his daughter, and himself. 'the daughter he gives away, keeping all his concern for her, the realm he hop'd to return to, . . . and when retir'd to his Milan, then (as he tells us in almost his last speech), "every *third* thought should be his grave," words that seem to derive themselves from the

[5 a third of mine owne life]

expression in this passage'—JOHNSON adheres to the Folio, but gives no explanation 'Prospero,' he remarks, 'in his reason subjoined why he calls her the *third* of his life, seems to allude to some logical distinction of causes, making her the final cause'—HAWKINS *Thread* was formerly spelled 'third,' as in *Mucedorus*, 1619 'when the sisters shall decree To cut in twaine the twisted *third* of life' [Knight remarks that 'third' has become *thred* in the edition of 1668 Ha/hit, whose text (Dodsley, vii) is based on the Qto of 1598, prints *thread*, as does also Collier in his reprint, 1877, and, lastly, in the best and latest edition of *Mucedorus* by WARNKE and PROESCHOLDT, containing a collation, word for word, of all the many editions, presumably as accurate as it is scholarly, the word is printed (p 44) *thread*, and not a solitary *varia lectio* is recorded Therefore, in this matter, which is, after all, of very small importance, our trust must rest in the word of Sir John Hawkins Since writing the foregoing I have just noticed that COLLIER (ed 1) states that 'Hawkins misquotes *Mucedorus*, no doubt unintentionally,' and I should at once cancel what I have written, were it not that W A WRIGHT, who is, I think, punctilious in verifying citations, quotes Hawkins and adopts his spelling Four other modern editors also cite *Mucedorus*, one on the authority of Hawkins, and three on their own]—STEEVENS The following quotation should seem to place the meaning beyond all dispute In *Acolastus*, a comedy, 1540, is this passage '—one of worldly shame's children, of his countenance and threde of his body' [I regret that I cannot verify this quotation]—TOLLETT 'A *thurd* of mine owne life' is a *fibre* or a *part* of my own life Prospero considers himself as the *stock* or *parent tree*, and his daughter as a *fibre* or *portion* of himself, for whose benefit he himself lives In this sense the word is used in Markham's *English Husbandman*, ed 1635, p 146 'Cut off all the maine rootes, within half a foot of the tree, only the small *threddes* or twist rootes you shall not cut at all' Again, *ibid* 'Every branch and *thred* of the root' This is evidently the same word as *thread*, which is likewise spelt *thrid* by Lord Bacon —In COLLIER's first edition he followed the original 'third,' but his MS having written *thrid* (1 e thread) in the margin, he accepted this correction as final, and adopted it in his subsequent editions —DYCE (*Few Notes*, p 13) emphasizes his preference for *thread* by remarking 'that in the language of poetry, from the earliest times, a beloved object has always been spoken of, not as the *third*, but as the *HALF*, of another's life or soul (so Meleager, ἀμρόν μὲν ψυχῆς, and Horace, *Anima dimidium mea*)' Whereupon COLLIER, in his next edition, says of Dyce's note that if it proves anything, it shows that we ought probably to read 'third' and not *thread*, 'it is surely more expressive for Prospero to say that he had given away a "third" than a mere *thread* of it We only wonder that Mr Dyce, when referring to Greek and Latin authorities, did not introduce English authorities to show that a man's wife was often termed "his better half"'—Dyce's friend HUNTER also reproached him (*A Few Words*, &c. p 5) for not recollecting the *Carmen Nuptiale* [line 62] of Catullus, wherein we find 'Virginitas non tota tua est ex parte parentum est Tertia pars patri data, pars data tertia matri, Tertia sola tua est' 'Father, mother, and daughter are so bound together that they form but one soul, one life, so that each was but the third part of one whole This appears to be the meaning of the ancient poet, and this, as seems to me, is the sense of "the third of mine own life"'—DYCE (*Gloss. s v. thread*), repeated his remark from *A Few Notes*, and, after adding another example from Mabbe's Trans of Cervantes's *Exemplarie Novels*, thus concludes 'This remark, however, which I still think holds good against the reading of the Folio, had

Or that for which I liue . who, once againe 6
 I tender to thy hand . All thy vexations
 Were but my trials of thy loue, and thou
 Haft strangely stood the test : here, afore heauen
 I ratifie this my rich guift . O *Ferdinand*, 10
 Doe not smile at me, that I boast her of,

6 *who*] Ff, Rowe, Hal Wh Dyce, iel
 Cam Glo Jeph Wrt, Huds Rife, Dtn 9 *test*] *ref* Ff
whom Pope et cet 10 O] Om Han
 7 *tender*] *render* Rowe 1 11 *her of*] *of her* Ktly *her off* Ff
 9 *strangely*] *strongly* Sherwen, Dan- et cet

no weight with the late Joseph Hunter (a lover of subtleties), who, in a printed Letter addressed to me, defended that reading, attaching to it a ridiculously forced meaning, nor has my remark had any influence on the Cambridge Editors, who retain here the misprint, or, rather, the old spelling (due to some scribe probably), 'third'—GRANT WHITE (ed 1) 'Third' is rather arithmetical than poetical, and takes us too far into vulgar fractions We regard it as $\frac{1}{3}$, and it might as well be $\frac{1}{13}$, or $\frac{1}{33}$ Prospero means to tell Ferdinand that he has given him a thread, a fibre of his existence,—one of his very heart-strings [Grant White adopted the arithmetical $\frac{1}{3}$ in his ed 11] —ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) In favour of considering 'third' as written by *Metathesis* for *thrid* = 'thread,' it may be noted that similar substitutions were usual in Greek, especially where the same Liquid (*r*) was concerned—e g βαρδὶς for βραδὶς, ἡμυρορον for ἡμαρον, Πυκνός for Πυνός, &c.—KEIGHTLEY It is easy to conceive how Miranda might be regarded as a *thread* or integral portion of her father's life, but not how she could be a 'third' of it —JEPHSON A 'third of mine own life' means 'a fibre of my own existence'—E MAGNUSSON (*Athenaeum*, 26 July, 1884) maintains that 'Prospero had been married and had only one child, Miranda His life's trinity had once upon a time, then, consisted of his now departed wife, his child, and himself . . . Could any one imagine Shakespeare talking of "living for a thread of his own life"?' The true interpretation, it seems to me, is Capell's —ED

6 *who*] For instances of 'who' for *whom* see Shakespeare *passim*; in this play, I, 11, 97 and 271, and ABBOTT, § 274.

9 *strangely*] JOHNSON Used by way of commendation, *merveilleusement*, to a wonder; the same is the sense in III, 11, 111 —JOHN SHERWEN (*Gent Mag* Sept 1811). In Shakespeare's age 'strong' was often written and pronounced as it is now vulgarly spoken in the north of England, *strang*, which, if the final *e* be added, it becomes *strange* The meaning here is 'thou hast *strongly* or *strangely* stood the test'

11 *her of*] KEIGHTLEY . Of course Shakespeare wrote 'of *her*' The editors, without, I believe, an exception, have 'boast her *off*;'—a phrase unknown to the poet, —introduced by the editor of F₂, who had little or no idea of emendation by transposition. [WALKER (*Crit* 11, 246) has a chapter on *The Transposition of Words*, and one of his instances occurs in this play, I, 11, 264 I have but little hesitation, therefore, in accepting a remedy so simple, especially when the alternative is the reading of the Second Folio, which somehow carries with it the image of an auctioneer's exaggeration and volubility, which is, as Sydney Smith would say, 'infinitely distressing' —ED]

For thou shalt finde she will out-strip all praise 12
And make it halt, behinde her.

Fer. I doe beleuee it
Against an Oracle. 15

Pro. Then, as my gueft, and thine owne acquifition
Worthily purchas'd, take my daughter: But
If thou do'ft breake her Virgin-knot, before
All fanctimonious ceremonies may
With full and holy right, be miniftred, 20
No fweet afperſion ſhall the heauens let fall
To make this contract grow, but barraine hate,
Sower-ey'd diſdaine, and diſcord ſhall beſtrew
The vnion of your bed, with weedes ſo loathly
That you ſhall hate it both Therefore take heede, 25
As Hymens Lamps ſhall light you.

14 *doe*] Om Pope+

20 *right*] *rite* Rowe et seq

16 *gueſt*] *gift* Rowe et seq

21 *afperſion*] *afperſions* Rowe 1,

17 *But*] Om Ff, Rowe, Pope

Theob Warb Johns

16, &c See Holt's theory of the date of this play in Appendix, *Date of Composition*

19 *sanctimonious*] W A WRIGHT That is, holy Used now, as in the only other passage of Shakespeare where it occurs, of a holiness which is only assumed See *Meas for Meas* I, ii, 7

21 *asperſion*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) Shakespeare was probably led to use here the Latinized word 'asperſion' by his knowledge of what is now familiarly called the *Asperges*—the form of blessing the congregation, preparatory to High Mass, by the Priest's sprinkling them with holy water, while the choir chant the Psalm '*Asperges me hyssopo*,' &c.

26 *As*] R L ASHHURST (*Phila Sh Soc*) The ensuing speech of Ferdinand shows this 'as' to be used in adjuration 'Hymen's lamps' must be therefore understood metaphorically,—'As you desire to be lighted on your way through life by the true blessing of a happy marriage,'—and not literally of the nuptial ceremony merely —ALLEN (*ib*) I am fully alive to the weight of the argument drawn from the parallelism between this line and that which next follows, nevertheless, I still cling (with a faint hold) to the interpretation 'Take heed, (and act towards each other, only) as Hymen's lamps shall, by their light, give you authority' This is supported by its obvious reference to the beginning of Prospero's charge, of which these words form the conclusion, and by the consideration that Hymen was the god—not of married life—but of the marriage celebration alone

26 *Lamps*] EIZE (*Notes*, &c 1889, p 141) Read *lamp*. Shakespeare is well aware that Hymen has but one, or, properly speaking, torch [see line 108] The *s* in 'lamps' has evidently intruded into the text by anticipation of the initial *s* in 'shall', it is the reverse of what is called absorption See *Ham* I, i, 162 'planeus strike', *Mid N D* II, ii, 121 'I orelooke Loues rones' [Hereupon follow sev-

Fer. As I hope 27
 For quiet dayes, faire Iffue, and long life,
 With such loue, as 'tis now the murkiest den,
 The moft opportune place; the strongft fuggestion, 30
 Our worfer *Genius* can, fhall neuer melt
 Mine honor into luft, to take away
 The edge of that dayes celebration,
 When I fhall thinke, or *Phæbus* Steeds are founderd, 34

29 *loue, now*] *love now*, Rowe
love now Pope
 'tis] *is* Cap

29 *den*] *e'en* or *ev'n* or *even* Anon
 Huds
 34 *Phæbus*] *Phœdus* F₂F₃ *Phœdus*
 F₄

eral other apposite examples, which strengthen this correction by the learned critic, whom Germany for many a long year will be unable to replace.—ED.]

29 *den*] C T (*N & Qu* 5th S 11, 64, 1874) Is it not probable that Ferdinand here specifies *time, place, and inclination*? Consequently, instead of 'den,' we should read *e'en* or *ev'n*. It is easy to see how, without much assistance from bad penmanship, one word may have lapsed into the other. The tautology in the use of both 'den' and 'place' indicates a slovenliness of composition, not to say confusion of thought, which we do not often find in Shakespeare.—HUDSON adopted this suggestion mainly on the ground that 'the natural logic of the passage plainly requires some word denoting time'—W J BERNHARD SMITH (*N & Qu* 5th S 11, 405, 1874) gave an all sufficing answer, I think, to this emendation by referring to the *Æneid*, iv, 124 'the Vergilian episode,' he added, 'was a favourite with both poets and painters, and no doubt there was many a "den" or "spelunca" in Prospero's isle.'

30 *opportune*] Of course, with the accent on the second syllable. For a long list of words 'where the accent is nearer the end than with us,' see ABBOTT, § 490.

30 *strongst*] The contraction here and in I, 11, 393, is a slight, but noteworthy, proof, among others, of the care with which this play is printed.—ED.

30 *suggestion*] DYCE That is, temptation. See II, 1, 316.

31 *Genius*] W A WRIGHT 'In mediæval theology, the rational soul is an angel, the lowest in the hierarchy for being clothed for a time in the perishing vesture of the body. But it is not necessarily an angel of light. It may be a good or evil genius, a guardian angel or a fallen spirit, a demon of light or darkness'—*Edinburgh Review*, July, 1869, p. 98.

31 *can*] Used in its original meaning, as in *Ham.* 'They can well on horseback'—CAPELI says that it 'rises from out the speaker's endeavour to express himself strongly, "can" is can suggest, a diminutive hebraism'—KIGHTLEY. As it is difficult to make any good sense here of 'can' alone, we should perhaps read 'can make' or 'can give,' making 'Genius' a trisyllable, and the line of six feet.

34. *founderd*] 'Of all other sorances, Foundering is soonest got, and hardiest cured, [it] commeth when a horse is heated, being in his grease and very fat, and taketh thereon a suddaine cold which striketh downe into his legs, and taking away the vse and feeling thereof. The signe to know it is, the horse cannot go, but wil stand crippling with al his foure legs together.'—Topsell, *The Hist. of Four-footed Beasts*, 1608, p. 400.

Or Night kept chain'd below

35

Pro Fairly spoke,

Sit then, and talke with her, she is thine owne;

What *Ariell*; my industrious seruāt *Ariell*. *Enter Ariell*.

Ar. What would my potent master? here I am.

Pro. Thou, and thy meaner fellowes, your last seruice 40

Did worthily performe: and I must vse you

In such another tricke: goe bring the rabble

(Ore whom I giue thee powre) here, to this place:

Incite them to quicke motion, for I must

Bestow vpon the eyes of this yong couple 45

Some vanity of mine Art: it is my promise,

And they expect it from me.

Ar. Presently?

Pro. I: with a twincke.

Ar. Before you can say come, and goe, 50

And breathe twice; and cry, so, so:

Each one tripping on his Toe,

Will be here with mop, and mowe.

Doe you loue me Master? no?

Pro. Dearely, my delicate *Ariell*: doe not approach 55

Till thou do'st heare me call.

Ar. Well: I conceiue *Exit*.

Pro Looke thou be true: doe not giue dalliance

Too much the raigne. the strongest oathes, are straw

To th'fire ith' blood: be more abstemious, 60

36 *Faarely*] *Most fairly* Han 'Tis
fairly Ktly

38-57 As an aside. Cap

39 Scene II Pope+

43 *giue*] *gave* Elze

46 *vanity*] *varity* Walker

47 *from*] *for* F₄

54 *Master?* no?] *master, now?* N.
Crosland (*Athen* Aug '70)

no?] no Rowe 1, Cap. Steev.

Mal Var Knt

57 *Well*] *Well* Steev Var Coll *Well*

Rowe et cet

59 *raigne*] *reign* F₄.

60 *abstemious*] F₁.

38 What] Simply a mode of calling, not necessarily of impatience, like Shylock's 'What, Jessica'

42 rabble] This is not used slightly of the band of lesser spirits, but simply in the sense which Cotgrave gives to '*Tas*, A heape, a pile, a bundle, a deale, sort, rabble, companie, troupe'—ED

46 vanity] STEEVENS: That is, an illusion So, in the romance of *Emare*, 'The emperor sayde on hygh. Serres, thys ys a fayry, Or ellys a vanyte'—[*Ritson's Romances*, ii, 208, ap Dyce].

Or elfe good night your vow

61

Fer. I warrant you, Sir,

The white cold virgin Snow, vpon my heart

Abates the ardour of my Luer.

Pro Well

65

Now come my *Ariell*, bring a Corolary,

Rather then want a Spirit; appear, & pertly. *Soft musick.*

No tongue: all eyes: be silent.

Enter Iris. 68

64 *ardour*] *ardours* F., Rowe:
66, 67. *Corolary want a Spirit*] *choir*
of *Lares wanton spirits* Bulloch

66, 67. *Corolary pertly*] *whole array*
presently Wilson

67 Scene III A masque Pope+

68 [To Ferdinand Theob

63 64 heart . . . Luer] CAPELL This seems to be the converse of a physical maxim which the poet might read in Sir Thomas Elyot's *Castle of Health* 'Here is to be noted that the heat of the heart may vanquish the colde of the liver'—ed 1610

66 Corolary] HEATH That is, bring more spirits than are sufficient rather than want one—STEVENS See Cotgrave '*Corolaire* A Corollarie, a surplussage, ouerplus, addition to, vantage aboue measure,' &c

68 No tongue] JOHNSON Those who are present at incantations are obliged to be strictly silent, 'else,' as we are afterwards told, 'the spell is marr'd'

68 Enter, &c] CAPELL This masque was written in compliance with fashion, the time swarming with them (witness the works of Jonson, which in manner are sunk by them) and against the grain seemingly, being weak throughout, faulty in rimes, and faulty in its mythology, matters not within the province of Ceres, such as 'sheep' and 'vines,' are attributed to her both in the speech of Iris and the ill-riming song, and, were moderns follow'd in some of the speech's readings, *flowers* likewise, it's 'pioned' and 'tilled' being in them,—*pionned* and *tulip'd* The propriety of other matters that follow,—as the 'broom groves' that yield a 'shadow' for walking in, the 'pole-clipt vineyard' (once imagin'd a hop-ground) and the 'sea-marge, sterile, and rocky-hard' for Ceres to 'air' herself,—is past the editor's fathoming, and must be left by him to heads of more reach—HARTLEY COLERIDGE (*Margin* II, 132) There is not much either of melody or meaning in this masque Prospero, when his spell enforced attendance of the spirits, should have furnished them with smoother couplets and sager discourse But perhaps it is as good as the masques in which the queen and her ladies performed, and to have made it better would have been disloyal emulation. There are lines in it, too, which smack of the poet Iris, in her invocation to Ceres, is delightfully agricultural, the second verse is a harvest in itself The third might have been written on Latrigg before it was ploughed In announcing herself as at once the bow and the messenger of Juno, she slips into the common confusion of mythology, which scarce any of the ancients, save Homer, have wholly avoided. Shakespeare manifestly turns the Heathen Deities into the elementary powers, resolving the Greek anthropomorphism into its first principles Ceres is the earth—HENSE (*Antikes*, &c p 483) The masque of the goddesses in *The Tempest* is pre eminent for its lyric beauty Here in this comedy also the poet remained faithful to that lyric feeling which in all his creations breaks forth so richly, so gracefully, so penetratingly, and so strikingly Herein Shakespeare resembles the antique drama

Ir. Ceres, most bounteous Lady, thy rich Leas
Of Wheate, Rye, Barley, Fetches, Oates and Peafe, 70
Thy Turphie-Mountaines, where lue nibling Sheepe,
And flat Medes thetchd with Stouer, them to keepe 72

69 *thy*] *the* Ff, Rowe

70 *Fetches*] *vetches* Cap

71 *Turphie*] *tusfy* Anon (ap Grey)

72 *thetchd with*] Ff, Rcwe 1 *with*

thatch'd Han

Stouer] *clover* F₂ MS (ap Hal)

tists The Greek and Latin dramatists, with a true discernment of style, have avoided prose throughout, Shakespeare has purposely employed prose in those scenes wherein the tone of realism and the requirements of his characters have demanded it, but that prosaic, poverty-stricken starvation whereunder in later times whole dramas have been written in prose throughout, he never felt, and would have scorned to feel it, it has been noticed that even Caliban speaks in verse, and some passages are in verse even in *The Merry Wives*. In that sensitiveness to the needs of style whereby he adapts verse to situation, he is comparable to the ancients. The CAMBRIDGE EDITORS suggest (see note on line 168) that this Masque was not composed by Shakespeare, and FLEAY (*Sh Manual*, p 54) cites the suggestion, without dissent 'But,' says STOKES (p 163), 'it may be pointed out that lines 105-107, which refer to the main plot, seem to fit in so naturally that this supposition is improbable, especially if we remember what Mr Fleay has himself said (in his *Canons for the Use of Metrical Tests*, *New Sh Soc Trans* 1874, II, 314), "In such cases as the Masque in *The Tempest*, &c, a different rhyming treatment was clearly adopted deliberately beforehand, in order to differentiate this part of the work from the rest"'—Subsequently, in his *Life and Work of Sh*, FLEAY is more explicit in his belief as to the authorship 'The lines,' he observes (p 249), 'forming the Masque are palpably an addition, probably made by Beaumont for the Court performance before the Prince, the Princess Elizabeth, and the Palatine in 1612-13, or else before the King on 1st November, 1612 (*The Winter's Tale* being acted on 5th November) This addition consists only of the heroics, ll. 69-117, 144-155, the mythological personages in the original play having acted in dumb show. In the stage-directions (l 81) of the dumb show "Juno descends", in the text of the added verse l 114, she "comes," and Ceres "knows her by her gait"' [See also Fleay's note, l 155]

70 *Fetches*] W A WRIGHT As thus spelt it is still the common provincial pronunciation of the word. In the Authorised Version of *Isaiah* xxviii, 25, 27, and in *Ezek* iv, 9, it is spelt *fitches*. In Chaucer, *Troilus and Cressida*, III, 887, we have the spelling as in the Folio

72 *thetchd*] W A WRIGHT Compare the spelling of *thresh* and *thrash*

72 *Stouer*] STEEVENS This signifies, in Cambridgeshire and other counties, hay made of coarse, rank grass, such as even cows will not eat while it is green 'Stover' is also used as *thatch* for cart-lodges and other buildings that deserve but rude and cheap coverings. So in Drayton's *Polyolbion*, xxv, 145: 'To draw out Sedge and Reed, for Thatch and Stover fit'—NARES. Fodder and provision of all sorts for cattle; from *estovers*, law-term, which is so explained in the Law Dictionaries. Both are derived from *estouerner*, in the Old French, defined by Roquefort 'Convenance, nécessité, provision de tout ce qui est nécessaire'—*Dictionn de la Langue Rom*—W A WRIGHT This is the term now applied to the coarser hay made of clover and artificial grasses, which is kept for the winter feed of cattle. But in Shakespeare's

Thy bankes with pioned, and twilled brims

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73 *bankes*] *becks* S Verges
pioned] *pioned* Theob 11, Warb
 Johns *peonied* Steev '93, Hal *pansies*
pied Bailey *peonied* Dyce 11, 111,
 Huds

73 *twilled*] *tulip'd* Rowe+, Var '73
tilled Holt, Cap Coll 11 (MS), Sing 11
lilled Heath, Steev '93, Rann, Wh Dyce
 11, 111, Coll 111, Rife *willow'd* Jervis,
 Ktly *twisted* F₂ MS (ap Hal)

time the artificial grasses were not known in England, and were not introduced till about the middle of the seventeenth century. In Cambridgeshire I am informed that hay made in this manner is not called 'stover' till the seeds have been threshed out. In the sixteenth century the word was apparently used to denote any kind of winter fodder except grass hay. For instance, in Tusser's *Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry*, we find, 'Thresh barlie as yet, but as need shall require, fresh threshed for stouer, thy cattle desire'—[p 44, ed 1614]. And again, 'Serue Rye-straw out first, then wheat straw and pease, then Oat-straw and Barly, then hay if ye please. But serue them with Hay, while the straw stouer last, then loue they no straw, they had rather to fast'—[p 49, ed 1614]. 'Stover' is enumerated by Ray among the South- and East-Country words as used in Essex, and is to be found in Moor's *Suffolk Words* and Forby's *Vocabulary of East Anglia*.

73 *bankes*. *pioned*. *twilled*] The Textual Notes will show how this agricultural phrase, from our lack of agricultural knowledge, has turned its halcyon beak to every gale and vary of the critics. 'Twilled' became *tulip'd* at the very start, held its own for a while, and then disappeared until it emerged for one gaudy night in the Variorum of 1773. 'Pioned' had a little longer life, but, I suspect, only because ROWE, POPE, and HANMER, supposing that it meant *peonied*, thought it also spelt *peonied*. HOLT was the earliest to attempt any rational emendation of 'twilled' or any definition of 'pioned'. His note, in substance, reads 'Here is evidently only an error of the press, which is easily rectified by throwing out the *w*, and reading *tilled*, the poet meant only to show the fertility of the banks of rivers, and the cause of that fertility, there being "pioned," i. e. *trench'd* or *dug*, and "tilled" or manured, in opposition to the barrenness of the sea-shore, which he a little after calls "sea-marge, sterile and rocky-hard"'. This emendation has not lacked applause. It either anticipates, or is anticipated by, Collier's MS—Next follows HEATH "Twilled," though evidently corrupt, suggests the true word, to wit, *lilled*. That lilies grow on the banks of rivers we have Milton's authority in his *Arcades*, v, 97'. This emendation has met with more approval than any other, and, indeed, so heartily did it accord with STEEVENS's sense of the 'fitness of things,' that, as elsewhere observed (I, 1, 13), he forgot to mention the name of its author, he found a corroboration of *lilled* in the fact that the water-lily is mentioned as a preserver of chastity by Pliny, xxvi, 10 [11, p 256, Holland's trans], and by Fenton, in his *Secret Wonders of Nature*, 1569; in confirmation of his reading *peonied* (which he ascribes to Hanmer, and has thereby misled later editors) he cites Lyte's *Herbal* (on the information of Tollett) to the effect that one kind of *peonie* 'some call Mayden or Virgin Peonie' [p. 338, ed 1578]. 'In Ovid's *Banquet of Sense*, by Chapman, 1625, I meet,' continues Steevens, 'with a stanza in which *twill-pants* are enumerated among flowers "Immortal amaranth, white aphrodill, And cup like twill-pants strew'd in Bacchus' bowers"'. If *twill* be the ancient name of any flower, the old reading "pioned" and "twilled" may stand' ['Twill-pant,' says W. A. WRIGHT, 'is merely a corruption of "tulipant," a tulip']. Dr JOHNSON, by the way, had given up the line in despair and

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confessed that he did not understand it, and CAPELL, also, made the same confession in his note (see line 68) on the whole masque —At this stage of the discussion, as the first vindicator of the Folio, HENLEY appears, (whom Dyce pronounces ‘the most provoking of all the annotators on Shakespeare’) His note is substantially as follows ‘Can the word *ponied* anywhere be found? On the banks of what rivers do *peonies* grow? Or can *they* and the *lilies* be the produce of “spongy APRIL”? Or whence can it be gathered that Iris here is at all speaking of the banks of a river? and, as the bank in question is the property, not of a water-nymph, but of Ceres, is it not to be considered as an object of her own care? Hither the goddess of husbandry is represented as resorting, because at the approach of spring it becomes necessary to repair the banks (or mounds) of the *flat meads*, whose grass, not only shooting over, but being more succulent than that of the *turfy mountains*, would, for want of precaution, be devoured, and so the intended *stover* (hay or *winter keep*), with which these meads are proleptically described as *thatched*, be lost —The giving way and caving in of the *brims* of those banks, occasioned by the heats, rains, and frosts of the preceding year, are made good by opening the trenches from whence the banks themselves were at first raised, and facing them up afresh with the mire those trenches contain This being done, the *brims of the banks* are, in the poet’s language, “ponied and twilled” Warton, in a note on *Comus*, cited a passage in which *poners* are explained to be *diggers* (rather *trenchers*), and Steevens mentions Spenser and the author of *Muleasses* as both using *poning* for *digging* “Twilled” is obviously formed from the French *touriller*, which Cotgrave interprets “filthily to mix or mingle, confound or shuffle together, bedurt, begrime, besmear,”—significations that confirm the explanation here given —This “bank with pioned and twilled brims” is described as “trimmed, at the behest of Ceres, by spongy April, with flowers, to make cold nymphs chaste crowns” These flowers were neither *peonies* nor *lilies*, for they never blow at this season, but “lady-smocks all silver-white,” which, during this humid month, start up in abundance on such banks’ [This interpretation is adopted substantially by JEPHSON, and by D MORRIS, and by Rev JOHN HUNTER, also, in so far as he says that the phrase refers ‘not to flowers, but to the form of the banks’ This note, the best that Henley ever wrote, stirred Steevens, not to a defense of his own interpretation, but to abuse of the plaintiff, and his scorn (in which, in his blind wrath, he involves poor Shakespeare himself) is so cutting and so neat that it must not be forgotten It is as follows ‘Mr Henley’s note contends for small proprieties, and abounds with minute observation But that Shakespeare was no diligent botanist may be ascertained from his erroneous descriptions of a *cowslip* (in *The Tempest* and *Cymbeline*), for who ever heard it characterised as a *bell-shaped* flower, or could allow the *drops at the bottom* of it to be of a *crimson* hue? With equal carelessness, or want of information, in *The Winter’s Tale* he enumerates “lilies of all kinds” among the children of the spring, and as contemporaries of the daffodil, the primrose, and the violet, and in his celebrated song (one stanza of which is introduced at the beginning of Act IV of *Measure for Measure*) he talks of *pinks* “that April wears” It might be added (if we must *speak by the card*) that wherever there is a bank there is a ditch; where there is a ditch there may be water, and where there is water the aquatic lilies may flourish, whether the bank in question belongs to a river or a field —These are petty remarks, but they are occasioned by petty cavils —It was enough for our author that *peonies* and *lilies* were well-known flowers, and he placed them on any bank, and produced them in any of the genial months that particularly suited his

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purpose He who has confounded the customs of different ages and nations, might easily confound the produce of the seasons—That his documents, *de Re Rustica*, were more exact is equally improbable He regarded objects of Agriculture, &c in the gross, and little thought, when he meant to bestow some ornamental epithet on the banks appropriated to a goddess, that a future critic would wish him to say their *brims* were *filthily mixed or mingled, confounded, or shuffled together, bedirted, begrimed, and besmeared* Mr Henley, however, has not yet proved the existence of the derivative, which he labours to introduce as an English word, nor will the lovers of elegant description wish him much success in the attempt Unconvinced, therefore, by his strictures, I shall not exclude a border of flowers to make room for the graces of the spade, or what Mr Pope, in his *Dunciad*, has styled “the majesty of mud”’—As far as the critics of the Variorum Editions are concerned, BOSWELL closed the discussion He states that ‘an anonymous correspondent suggested to Mr Malone that “twilled brims” meant banks fringed with thickly-matted grass, resembling the stuff called *twilled cloth* Mr Boaden has observed to me that Mr Steevens might [have cited in opposition to Henley] Bacon’s *Essay on Gardens*, where, in an enumeration of the flowers which are in season at different periods of the year, we find “In April follow the double white violet, the wall-flower, the stock-gilly-flower, the cowslip, flower de luces, and *lilies of all natures*, rosemary flowers, the tulipa, the double *peony*,” &c’—CROFT (*Annotations*, &c p 1) That is, levelled en parterre, to *twill* is a term in weaving to raise the warp above the woof, to produce a figure, as in diaper-work ‘April comes with his hack and bill, To raise a flower on every hill’—KNIGHT upholds Henley in asking whether the banks of a river were meant at all, and pronounces Steevens’s assertion that Shakespeare was no ‘naturalist’ [*sic*] to be ‘utterly without foundation,’ and then continues ‘It is manifest that the banks of a river are not meant The address is to Ceres Her rich leas, her turfy mountains, her flat meads precede the mention of her banks The “banks” are the artificial mounds by which the flat meads and the rich leas are divided, or they are the natural ridges in grove and grassplot, which Shakespeare has himself described as the home of the wild thyme and the violet Spongy April betrimms these banks, at the command of Ceres, not with peonies and lilies,—not with the flowers of the garden and the flowers of the valley,—but with her own pretty hedge-flowers

. Any one who has seen the operation of banking and ditching in the early spring, so essential to the proper drainage of land, must recognise the propriety of Shakespeare’s epithets He was a practical farmer, he saw the poetry even of the humblest works of husbandry’—COLLIER (ed 1) follows the Folio, and ‘cannot discover any unintelligibility in it, taking “poned” as *dug*, and “twilled” as *ridged*, or made up in *ridges*, a sense it yet bears with some kinds of linen’ In his ed 11 Collier followed his MS; in his ed. 111, he followed Heath—HALLIWELL adopts ‘*peonied*, covered with the peony, a verb formed similarly to Warton’s [*sic*] *lilled*; and “twilled,” interwoven with flowers; at the same time admitting that after a careful perusal of all that I have met with on this difficult passage, I am neither satisfied with any of the explanations of the critics nor perfectly with my own’—STAUNTON prefers the reading and interpretation of Steevens to that of any other, but does not think it desirable to alter the old text.—C. W BINGHAM (*N & Qu* 3d S 111, p 438, 1863) Mr Bentham, one of the highest botanical authorities of our day, says of the *peony* ‘Not indigenous to Britain, but appears to have been naturalised in the rocky clefts of the “Steep Holme” island in the Severn’ If it grew wild any-

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where else in Britain, which it does not, it would not be on the brim of river banks, but in hilly districts, as it does throughout Southern Europe and Central Asia — GRANT WHITE In the text of the Folio 'ponied' may mean *dug*, and 'twilled,' *ridged*, and were this line only involved, these words, being so explained, should stand But dug and ridged banks cannot 'make cold nymphs chaste crowns', for these we must go to pioned and lilled banks [DYCE, in both of his last two editions, quotes this remark with approval] — KEIGHTLEY (*Exp* 216) 'Banks' may be either the margins of streams or hillocks, or slight elevations of land, but 'brims,' which can only be the edges or margins of hollows, shows that it is the former that is meant 'Pioned' seems to be a word of Shakespeare's own creation, for finding the word *pioneer* in common use and *pyonings*, — a word of Spenser's coinage, — in the *Faerie Queene* (ii, 10, 63), signifying defences, the work of pioneers, he thought himself at liberty to form a verb *pron* My own opinion is, that the sense which Shakespeare gave to his 'ponied' was fenced, and that 'twilled' was a printer's error [In the change to *willow'd* Keightley was, unconsciously, doubtless, anticipated by Jervis] — T S BAYNES (*Edin Rev* Oct 1872) 'The chief difficulty lies in the word "ponied," and we had long felt that the solution must be looked for in the local use of the term We could not but believe that there must be some flower, most probably a water-flower or one living in marshy ground, that was provincially known as a peony In confirmation of this view, we were informed some time since by a clergyman who was for many years incumbent of a parish in the northern part of the county, that peony is the name given in Warwickshire to the marsh marygold Knowing that he had long resided in the neighbourhood of Stratford, taking an active interest in country life, we asked him if there was any wild flower that the country people called a peony, and he promptly answered that there was, and it soon appeared from the description that it must be the marsh marygold Here was at last a ray of light And on a little reflection it was not difficult to see why the name of the peony should have been transferred to the marsh marygold The flowers, though differing in colour, have a remarkable similarity in general growth and shape, especially in the early stage, when the fully-formed bud is ripe for blowing The buds of both present the unusual appearance of perfectly rounded globes or spheres at the extremity of a thick leafless stalk, the sepals being firmly locked or folded together over the substance of the flower into a bud as round as a marble This globular bud is so distinctive in the marsh marygold that it has been seized on as a ground of naming the flower . In many parts of England they are called *blobs*, or, from the size of the flower, horse blobs, *blob* being an archaic word for rounded knob, only another form, in fact, of *bleb*, an older term for foam-bell or water-bubble Thus, water-blobs is a local name for water-lilies, on account of the rounded, cup-like shape of the bud In the same way, the marsh marygold is locally the horse-blob . We may be sure that the marsh marygold had often caught Shakespeare's eye, and it is exactly the flower which [the present line from *The Tempest*], viewed in relation to the whole context, requires in order to make the meaning complete It haunts the watery margins as the constant associate of reeds and rushes, blooms in "spongy April," and in common with other water-flowers is twined with sedge "to make cold nymphs chaste crowns" With regard to the form of the word, as in the First Folio, Shakespeare writes it as it was universally pronounced among those who used it In the midland and western counties the peony is a great favourite in rustic gardens, and is looked upon as an important element of floral decoration in all rural festivities

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especially at Whitsuntide, school-feasts, and club walkings. And we can certify from personal experience that in these districts the word is pronounced as *Shake speare spells it, pi o ny, with a strong emphasis on the first syllable and the full English sound of the vowel, as though it were spelt pye-o-ny—the other obscure and disputed word 'twilled' may be disposed of more rapidly. *Twills* is given by Halliwell as an older provincial word for reeds, and it was applied like quills to the serried rustling sedges of river reaches and marshy levels. The word is, indeed, still retained in its secondary application, being commercially used to denote the fluted or rib like effect produced on various fabrics by a kind of ridged or corded weaving. Twilled cloth might equally be described as reeded cloth,—cloth channelled or furrowed in a reed-like manner. "Twilled" is, therefore, the very word to describe the crowded edges in the shallower reaches of the Avon as it winds round Stratford. It was, indeed, while watching the masses of waving sedge cutting the water-line of the Avon, not far from Stratford Church, that we first felt the peculiar force and significance of the epithet. And although the season was too far advanced for the reeds to be brightened by the flowers of the marsh marygold, the plant was abundant enough to glorify the banks in the early spring. The whole line, therefore, gives a vivid and truthful picture of what is most characteristic of watery margins at that period of the year' [HUDSON, PHILLIPPS, and DEIGHTON accept this interpretation of Baynes.] W. A. WRIGHT, in answer to Baynes's assertion, on the authority of Halliwell, that 'twills' means *reeds*, and hence sedges, replies 'But Halliwell, following Ray, gives 'Twills' as equivalent to 'quills, reeds,' for winding yarn. By the common interchange of *t* and *k* sounds, as in *twitch* and *quitch*, *twilt* and *quilt*, 'twill' is another form of *quill*, but there is no authority for going further and saying that it means *reed*, the name of a plant. Indeed, it is questionable whether these two participles are derived from the names of flowers or plants at all, for after they are employed to describe the brims of Ceres' banks, these brims are said to be betrimmed by 'spongy April'; so that 'poned and twilled' would appear to be descriptive of the banks before they are ornamented with flowers. [Hereupon Wright refers to the explanations of Henley and others given above, and concludes] It seems quite possible that 'poned and twilled' may be terms which describe some operations in agriculture, and therefore in the absence of any absolutely certain conjectural emendation they are retained in the [1st Wright's] text.—In *N & Qu* (5th S viii, 385, 1877) E. E. F. criticises Prof Baynes's statement that the peony is the marsh marygold. 'I do not,' he says, 'for one moment doubt the writer's good faith, but in a matter of so much importance we want to be absolutely and perfectly sure. Many years ago I knew South Warwickshire well, and took a great interest in botany and in provincialisms, but I do not remember that the marsh marygold was called by any other name than *horse blob* and *water blob*. On the other hand, the common garden peony was called "piñnut"'.—To the same effect J. T. BURGESS writes to the same periodical (5th S ix, p. 405, 1878) that he has 'never heard the term *peony* applied to the marsh marygold (*Caltha palustris*), or found anyone who had. The marsh marygold is the "winking marybuds" of Shakespeare, and is known as May blobs, water blobs, and Moll-blobs. "Pioned" is the pied, parti-coloured, or variegated edges of the twilled or ribbed banks'.—For this latter interpretation he was arraigned by Dr NICHOLSON (5th S x, p. 3, 1878), whose own interpretation (mainly Henley's) is as follows: 'The "poned and twilled brims" mean the dug and grimy edges (of upper edges) of the banks of Ceres. If the reader objects to this meaning of "poned," he can

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substitute the French meaning of "small twigged" or bushy hedged April betrimms these brims so that maidens, either in the rural pastimes of May or on May-day, may be adorned with garlands of the white hawthorn flower Because April betrimms the hedges for this purpose, it does not follow that they are necessarily fit for use in that month or before it ends.—On the same page with this note of Nicholson, E McC, writing from Guernsey, calls attention to the practice of keeping up the banks of small streams which wind through 'flat meads by a sort of wattling made of stakes driven into the earth and intertwined with small branches "Twilled" will certainly bear the sense of *woven*, and may not "pioned" be a local word, now disused, allied to, or derived from, the French *pieu*, a stake"—In the same volume of *N & Qu* p 424, V S LEAN follows Henley and Knight in defining 'bank,' and interprets the passage as referring to 'the hollow gullies formed by the watershed scoring the breast of the hill, which action the prudent owner has supplemented by the labour of the pioner or drainer with his pipes and tiles I derive "pioned," then, from this preliminary work of trenching the ground, and "twilled" from *Fr tuyau* ("a pipe, . canell," Cotgr), through its Eng form *tewell*, a funnel (Chaucer, *H of Fame*, iii, 559), the laying of which completes the system of drainage"—BRAE (*Robinson's Ept of Lit* p 173, Nov 1878) We ought to see the chaste crown of cold nymphs in the graceful and *sober* foliage that fringes aquatic brims, in the rushes, the sedges, the salices, and, above all, in the beautiful and delicate ferns, rather than in the tulps, the lilies, or in the vulgar garishness of the peony and other suggested flaunts, more appropriate to the coronals of Bacchantes than to the modest wreaths of chaste nymphs Ever since the Greeks bestowed upon brakes and ferns the distinguishing epithet of *Pteris*, winged, those plants have been described in technical botany as *alated*, *pennated*, &c Now pennated is piononed, and piononed differs very slightly and very probably from 'pioned,'—indeed, the two missing letters which constitute the only difference, might be omitted in hasty writing by any one My interpretation, then, is that 'pioned' is a misprint for *piononed*, the misprint consisting in not repeating two letters already existing in the same word and therefore the easier left out The accompanying characteristic, so far from presenting any difficulty to this interpretation, strongly supports it 'Twilled' is, in fact, *quilled*, and *quill* is not only synonymous with *pionon* in its meaning of wing-feather, but it has an extended application to the whole family of quill-stemmed aquatic plants,—sedges, reeds, rushes, &c, the first of which is especially named as furnishing crowns for the naiads *Twill* is a very common pronunciation of *quill* in many parts of England, and, indeed, in some of the northern counties if a person should send one of the lower class for 'quills' for writing, unless he called them *twills* he would be scarcely understood Moreover, there is one sense in which 'twill' survives, even in correct phraseology. a reed or quill for weaving is technically called 'twill,' as may be found in English dictionaries Thus *piononed* and 'twilled' mutually confirm and support each other, combining in appropriateness to the foliage upon the 'edges of streams.—RAY (*North Country Words*, s v) 'A *twill*, a spool, from quill. In the south they call it *winding of quills*, because anciently, I suppose, they wound the yarn upon quills for the weavers, tho' now they use reeds Or else reeds were called quills, as in Latin, *calami*' SKEAT (s v *twill*) says 'Ray tells us that North E *twill* means a spool, and he asserts that it is a corruption of *quill* I doubt it, for Swed dial *twill* is to turn round like a spindle, to become entangled, as thread (Rietz), Norweg. *twilla* is to stir milk round and round, also to twist into knots, as a thread, *twila*, sb

Which spungie *Aprill*, at thy heft betums,
 To make cold Nymphes chaff crownes, & thy broome- 75
 Whose shadow the dismissed Batchelor loues, (groves,

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is a twist or knot in a thread *Twist, twill, tunne* appear to be closely related words "Twilled," in *The Tempest*, is yet unexplained [I doubt if there be any corruption in this line which calls for change We have simply lost the meanings of words which were perfectly intelligible to Shakespeare's audience As agricultural or horticultural terms 'pioned' and 'twilled' will be some day, probably, sufficiently explained to enable us to weave from them the chaste crowns for cold nymphs In the mean time I see no reason why we should not accept Henley's interpretation as the best means of enabling spungy April, in Emerson's fine phrase, to 'turn the sod to violet'—ED]

75 cold Nymphes chaff] KEIGHTLEY I have here transposed the adjectives We are to take 'cold,' as so frequently, in the sense of *cool*, which agrees well with flowers growing on the edge of a stream, while it seems absurd to call them 'chaste' 'Nymphs' is evidently *maidens*, for if the Naiades were meant there would be an article

75, 76 *broome-groves*] HEATH (p 29) For what reason [Hanmer altered this to '*brown groves*'] I cannot conceive Ceres was certainly not the goddess of the woods, and those very 'broom groves' seem to be expressly hinted at, in the very words of Ceres which follow a little below 'my bosky acres,' which very properly express a *broom-brake*, as it is called—STEEVENS 'Broom,' in this place, signifies the *Spartium scoparium*, of which brooms are frequently made Near Gamlingay, in Cambridgeshire, it grows high enough to conceal the tallest cattle as they pass through it, and in places it is cultivated still higher, a circumstance that had escaped my notice till I was told of it by Professor Martyn—MASON (p 9) In the old Scotch song of 'My dady is a canker'd carle,' a lover is placed in a broom grove 'But let them say, or let them do, 'Tis a' ane to me, For he's low down, he's in the broom, Is waiting for me'—NARES (s v). As the broom or *genista* is a low shrub, it has been doubted what 'broom-groves' can be Perhaps *birchen groves* may be intended—COLLIER (ed 11) 'Broom' does not grow up into 'groves' and the 'dismissed bachelor' sought the deep shadow of the '*brown groves*' [according to the MS]—HALLIWELL In Lyte's *Herball*, 1578, p 663, two kinds of broom are mentioned 'the one high and tawle, the other lowe and small,' the former 'groweth commonly to the length of a long or tawle man' . . . There is a notice in the ancient romance of *Guy of Warwick*, preserved in the Auchinleck MS at Edinburgh, of three hundred Saracens being concealed 'in a brom field' See the Abbotsford Club ed, 292 'I could finde with all my heart to sip up a sillybub with him in my father's broome pasture'—*Two Lancashire Lovers*, 1640, p 222—STAUNTON A more unhappy alteration [than Hanmer's and Collier's MS] can hardly be conceived, since it at once destroys the point of the allusion; *yellow*, the colour of the broom, being supposed especially congenial to the 'lass-lorn and dismissed bachelor' See Burton, *Anat. of Melancholy*, Part III, Sec. 2 'So long as we are wooers, and may kiss and coil at our pleasure, nothing is so sweet; we are in heaven, as we think, but when we are once tied, and have lost our liberty, marriage is an hell, give me my *yellow hose* again'—KEIGHTLEY I have adopted Hanmer's *brown*, though contrary to my rule, as I have met no earlier authority for this use of *rown* than Milton. The poet's

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word may have been *broad* or *tram*. The broom never attains a height to justify the terming it a 'grove'. I doubt if 'grove' is ever used of any but forest trees — LETSOM (ap Dyce, *Gloss*) Is the word 'grove' ever applied to shrubs by the Elizabethan writers? Hanmer's '*brown groves*' has been before the public for more than a century, and has been vigorously assailed by men of eminent learning and ability, but no instance of this [i.e. of 'grove' applied to shrubs] has been produced, and therefore I conclude that none exists. The notion of disconsolate lovers betaking themselves to groves is common enough in poetry, Shakespeare himself has placed Romeo in a sycamore grove when Rosaline was cruel, and we may judge from this the sort of grove he would select for young gentlemen in the like case. Till it can be shown that a growth of broom may be called a grove, it seems idle to dispute about the height of the shrub. In Babington's *Botany* it is said to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 feet high, and this is certainly the usual height to which it grows on Hampstead Heath, though occasionally a plant may be found taller, I am told that in Italy it grows to the height of 6 or 7 feet, but that surely is no great matter — The defences set up for the old reading [*broom-groves*] appear to me singularly weak. 'Ceres,' says Heath, 'was certainly not the goddess of the woods.' Very true, and just as certainly she was not the goddess of 'broom-brakes,' or of 'vineyards,' or of 'bosky acres,' or 'turfy mountains,' or 'unshrubbed downs,' or of 'flowers,' or the 'sea marge, sterile and rocky-hard', all of which Heath has overlooked. It seems that in the present masque Ceres appears as the Goddess of the Earth, *Δημήτηρ*. That this was the original character of the Greek goddess is probable from the etymology of her name, but how Shakespeare came so to describe her is a question for those who have studied the subject of his learning. He may have picked up a good deal of out-of-the-way classical learning from Jonson. [Dyce questions this — ED.] I think, however, we are warranted rather in asking why *woods* are left out in this passage than why they are brought in — Mason's quotation from the old Scotch song proves nothing as to *broom-groves*, for the song merely mentions 'broom'. Mason accordingly is not warranted in saying that the 'songstress places her lover in a broom-grove'. As to Halliwell's 300 Saracens hid in a broom field, the last word (*field*) is surely incompatible with groves. Besides, the same thing might happen, and, indeed, has happened, in a field of wheat. In *The Morning Herald* of 4 July, 1861, there is an American account of 3000 rebels 'concealed in a thick undergrowth and wheat fields'. This, however, would not warrant such a phrase as *wheat-groves* — I must confess that Staunton's note, with the quotation from Burton's *Anatomy*, appears to me far more unhappy than Hanmer's alteration. Shakespeare says nothing of the *blossom* of the broom, he only speaks of its *shadow*. Shakespeare could not have been guilty of so far-fetched an allusion, and such a perversion of language. I know of no passage in which the colour *yellow* is represented as 'especially congenial to lass-lorn bachelors'. Still, I am aware of several passages where yellow is mentioned as the colour of *jealousy*, but for the most part with reference to *married* people, not bachelors, I dare say, however, there are similar allusions to the *jealousy* of the unmarried also. Jokes about *yellow hose*, &c. are common enough. But in this passage from Burton the phrase refers neither to jealousy nor to unsuccessful love. Surely the context shows that *here* 'give me my yellow hose again' means 'give me my bachelor's days again' (when I wore *yellow hose*, — which were once in high fashion, and are still worn by the boys of Christ's Hospital, — and) when I was kissing and colling my intended and not satiated with a wife.

Being laffe-lorne thy pole-clipt vineyard,
And thy Sea-marge stirrile, and rockey-hard,

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77 *pole-clipt*] HOLT, after criticising Warburton's *pale-clipt*, concludes 'The old reading is rightest, the poles, and not the vines, being clipt or twin'd round, and here used to show that the author meant a vineyard properly so called, and not *espalter* or Wall-Vines'—HEATH suggests, in opposition to the same emendation, that Warburton might have recollected that 'clipt' signifies also *pruned*, and consequently that the compound word might here signify that the vines by proper pruning were trained up to the poles which supported them [We all know, now, that Holt is right and Heath is wrong, as STEEVENS rightly says 'To *clip* is to *twine round* or *embrace*. The poles are *clipped* or embraced by the vines', but DELIUS, as I have found once before, pinned his faith to Heath, whose interpretation he adopts, and perhaps thereby misleads the excellent SCHMIDT into the definition, in his *Lex*, of 'pole-clipt' as 'hedged in with poles'] Steevens adds that 'vineyard' is 'here used as a trisyllable'—ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc* p 56) The line appears to want a syllable Steevens is for supplying it by pronouncing 'vineyard' in three syllables—*vin e-yård* But this is arbitrary and violent If an *e* must be got by archaically accenting some *e*-mute, it should be looked for at the end of a *word* rather than at the end of a *syllable* merely—*e* 'po-lè clipt' should be resorted to in preference to 'vin-e-yard' But even in this case there is still a choice between the more and less archaic It is true, that poets of the later Old English period did *occasionally* accent the final *e* (Marsh's *Eng Lit* p 465,) but the *e*-sound prefixed (in the form of *y*) to the Past Participle was practically much less archaic in many words, because kept in circulation by Spenser Even in the ordinary unrhymed dialogue Shakespeare has adopted this form—as *e g* in *a Hen VI* I, 1, 4 'Her words *yclad* with wisdom's majesty', and Steevens himself proposes to read (*post IV*, 1, 206) 'filth-*ymantled*' for the 'filthy-mantled' of *F₂* To 'yclipt' there could be still less objection, on the score of archaic incongruity, than to any other similar form, inasmuch as—by virtue of being at the same time the Participle of *two* Verbs, 'clip' to embrace and the every-day 'clip' to call—it was as current and modern as 'loved' If it should be objected, that a compositor was not likely to set up 'clipt' for 'yclipt,' it might be answered, that the compositor's 'copy' was probably the work of a scribe, writing from dictation, who was as likely to adopt one spelling as another of what, either way, had the same sound and the same signification And, finally, when the two readings are left, in the last resort, to the judgement of the ear, I cannot conceive how there can be the balancing of a moment between them. Read, therefore. Being lafs-lörn, thy póle-yclipt vineyard (For Professor Corson has noted (Chaucer's *Legende*, p xvi), that in Old English poetry the accent usually falls on the last syllable of the Present Participle in *ing*.)—ABBOTT, § 487, thus scans these lines 'Whose shad | ow the | dismiss | ed bache | lor loves, Being | lass-lörn | thy pole | clipt vin | e-yard. And thy | sea-marge, | sterile | and rock | y hard.'

78 *rockey-hard*] BRAE (*Roy. Soc of Lit Trans* 1, Part III, p. 499, 1873) The unwitting intrusion, by Heminge and Condell, of a hyphen between these two words has caused them ever since to be regarded as a compound adjective attaching to 'sea-marge,' although 'sea-marge' has already its own adjective in 'sterile' If anything were necessary to show that this intrusion of a hyphen has in itself, no authority

Where thou thy felfe do'ft ayre, the Queene o'th Skie,
 Whose watry Arch, and messenger, am I. 80
 Bids thee leaue these, & with her foueraigne grace, *Iuno*
 Here on this giasse-plot, in this very place *descends*.
 To come, and sport. here Peacocks flye amaine:
 Approach, rich *Ceres*, her to entertaine. *Enter Ceres*.
Cer. Haile, many-coloured Messenger, that nere 85
 Do'ft disobey the wife of *Jupiter*:
 Who, with thy saffron wings, vpon my flowres
 Diffusest hony drops, refreshing showres,
 And with each end of thy blew bowe do'ft crowne
 My boskie acres, and my vnshrubd downe, 90

81, 82 *Iuno descends*] Transposed to descent Hal
 line 114, Theob *Juno commences her* 83 *here*] *her* Rowe et seq

worthy of the slightest consideration, it is presented in the same speech by the similar intrusion of a hyphen in 'turphie-mountains,' where it ought not to be, and by its omission a little further on in the compound phrase 'hony drops,' where it ought to be, and with which it is printed in all modern editions—If, like mountain, 'hard' had a signification as a noun only, and not also another and *more familiar* signification as an adjective, then it would long since have been received as a noun, with 'rocky' as its qualifying adjective, and the hyphen would have been no more tolerated in 'rocky-hard' than in 'turfy-mountains'—The noun *hard* is well known in nautical phraseology as a jetty or landing-place for boats, and also as an embankment for the repair of ships, called a 'careening hard'—But in this address to *Ceres* it surely means one of those elevated areas or platforms, exposed to the wind, which were anciently used for the winnowing of corn by flinging it up into the air from sieves, so that the chaff might be blown away and the grain fall back upon the *rocky hard*. As such it is peculiarly applicable to *Ceres*, and explanatory of the phrase 'where thou thyself dost air'

81, 82 *Juno descends*] COLLIER (ed. 1) She was probably let down slowly by some machine, and did not reach the stage until *Iris* and *Ceres* were concluding their speeches [In Collier's second edition it is stated that *slowly* is added by the MS to this stage-direction]—DYCE (ed. 11) quotes the foregoing note of Collier, and adds. 'I much doubt if *Juno* was visible to the audience so soon, in old plays (printed from the prompter's copies) stage-directions are very often placed prematurely, as warnings to the performers to be ready'

85, 87 that . . Who] See II, 11, 12

87 *saffron wings*] DOUCE. See Phaer's *Virgil*, *Æn*, end of Bk IV [Sig G 4, ed 1620] 'Dame Rainbow down therefore with saffro wings of dropping sheurs, Whose face a thousand sundry hewes against the sunne deuours, From heauen descending came—'

90 *boskie*] STEEVENS. That is, woody 'Bosky acres' are fields divided from each other by hedge-rows *Boskus* is Middle Lat for *wood* So Milton [*Comus*, 313] 'And every bosky bourn from side to side.' Again in *King Edward I* 'Hale

Rich scarph to my proud earth why hath thy Queene 91
Summond me hither, to this short gras'd Greene ?

Ir. A contract of true Loue, to celebrate,
And some donation freely to estate
On the bles'd Louers 95

Cer. Tell me heauenly Bowe,
If *Venus* or her Sonne, as thou do'ft know,
Doe now attend the Queene? since they did plot
The meanes, that duskie *Dis*, my daughter got,
Her, and her blind-Boyes scandall company, 100
I haue forsworne.

Ir. Of her societie
Be not afraid: I met her deitie
Cutting the clouds towards *Paphos* and her Son
Doue-drawn with her here thought they to haue done 105
Some wanton charme, vpon this Man and Maide,
Whose vowes are, that no bed-right shall be paid
Till *Hymens* Torch be lighted. but in vaine,
Marfes hot Minion is return'd againe,
Her waspish headed sonne, has broke his arrowes, 110

92 *short gras'd*] *short graft's'd* F₂F₄
short-grass Rowe 11, Pope, Theob Han
Warb *short gras'd* Coll

107. *bed-right*] *bed-rite* Steev. Hal
Sing Dyce, Glo Sta Jeph Ktly.
109 *Marfes*] *Mar's* F₃ et seq

him from hence, and in this bosky wood Bury his corpse' [This latter quotation ought to have shown Steevens that his definition of *woody* is wrong, neither Peele nor any one else could be guilty of the tautology, 'woody wood'; in a note on it in *King Edward I*, DYCE (Peele's *Works*, 1, 175) quotes this present passage in *The Tempest*, as authorising us to understand 'bosky' as in the sense of *shrubby*, and this evidently correct definition is given by MURRAY (*New Eng Dict* s v), who says 't means 'Consisting of or covered with bushes or underwood, full of thickets, bussey' Strangely enough, Dyce seems to have forgotten his own definition when he came to compile his *Glossary*, there he gives not only Steevens's *woody* as the only definition of 'bosky' in this passage, but also Steevens's random remark about hedge-rows, as given above —ED]

94 *estate*] That is, *bestow, settle* For other instances, see SCHMIDT

99 *that*] For other instances where 'that' means *so that*, see ABBOTT, § 283, or, perhaps, § 284, where examples are given of 'that' implying *when*

107. *bed-right*] W. A. WRIGHT. The Folios do not always distinguish between [*right* and *rite*], see above, line 20 In the present instance the reading of the Folios is preferable A 'right' may be paid, but a 'rite' must be performed There is, however, great confusion between the words in old writers. For instance, in Chapman's *Bussy d'Ambois* (*Works*, 11, 41) 'Then come my loue, Now pay those Rites to sleepe Thy faire eyes owe him.'

Swears he will shoote no more, but play with Sparrows, 111
And be a Boy right out

Cer. Higheft Queene of State,
Great *Iuno* comes, I know her by her gate.

Iu. How do's my bounteous sifter? goe with me 115
To bleffe this twaine, that they may prosperous be,
And honour in their Issue. *They Sing.*

Iu Honor, riches, marriage, blessing,
Long continuance, and encreasing,
Hourly royes, be full upon you, 12C
Iuno sings her blessings on you.
Earths increase, foyzon plentie, 122

113 *Higheft*] *High* Pope + *High'st* ing Rowe marriage-blessing Theob
Cap Dyce II, III, Cam Glo Wrt, Huds 122 Earths] *Cer* *Earth's* Theob et
114 *gate*] *gait* Johns seq *Cer* *Earthes* Wrt conj Kinnear
Enter *Iuno*] Cap foyzon] and foyzon Ff, Rowe +,
118 marriage, blessing] marriage bleff- Cap Steev Mal Var Dyce II, III, Huds

114 *her gate*] FARMER took the trouble to disprove WHALLEY'S innocent remark that the hint for this allusion might have been taken from the 'Divum incedo Regina' of Vergil, by showing that a similar phrase was used by Taylor, the Water poet

116 *prosperous*] MEISSNER (p 80, foot note) Clearly a play upon the name Prospero It behooves the children of Prospero (Ferdinand and Miranda) to show themselves to be genuine Prosperos, and be honoured in their issue as fully as Prospero was honoured in his (in Miranda) The very name Prospero indicates the ideal man, one who had been born under a *prosperous* star and had been developed under particularly prosperous conditions [Can the grief of the judicious be here restrained from breaking forth?—ED]

122 From Theobald's distribution of speeches, whereby Ceres sings the rest of this song, and which has here been universally followed, HOLT (p 73) dissents on the score that there might have been only one voice in the stage company capable of singing this song, that it was not inappropriate for Juno, as the highest queen, to pronounce the blessings which Ceres had bestowed, and, lastly, that we might quite as properly introduce Bacchus, Vertumnus, Flora, and Pomona as speaking their particular shares of the benediction. I doubt if sufficient weight has been given to the two latter reasons specified by Holt. In addition, the stage-direction says, 'They sing'—ED

122 *foyzon*] COLLIER The conjunction *and* added by F₂ is not only quite needless, but gives the measure a jiggling turn, in all probability intended by the poet to be avoided ['Which is exactly what the absence of the conjunction does,' says DYCE To modern ears this line lacks a syllable The Textual Notes show how the syllable has been supplied in the Folios. ABBOTT, § 484, suggests that the time of a second syllable is to be found in the long vowels of the second syllable of 'increase,' and thus divides the line 'Earth's m | crease, | foison | plenty' ALLEN, and W A WRIGHT decide that it is found in a dissyllabic pronunciation of 'Earth's,' which Allen would find in a resolution of the two vowels at the beginning *earth's*, and Wright in the addition of a vowel sound to the *s* at the end *earth'es*, for which he has the analogy

Barnes, and Garners, neuer empty. 123

Vines, with clustring bunches growing,

Plants, with goodly burthen bowing. 125

Spring come to you at the farthest,

In the very end of Haruest.

Scarcity and want shall shun you,

Ceres blessing so is on you

Fer. This is a most maiesticke vision, and 130
Harmonious charmingly: may I be bold

125 *with*] F. *at farthest* D Wilson

126 *Spring*] *Rain* Coll MS 131 *charmingly*] *charming* lay Han
Spring at the farthest] *Offspring* *charming* Lays Warb

of *Mid N D* II, 1, 7 'Swifter than the moon's sphere' And IV, 1, 101, as it stands in Q₁ 'Trippe we after nights shade' And *Love's Lab L* V, 11, 332 'To show his teeth as white as whale's bone' What is, to me, hostile to both of these latter solutions of the difficulty is that they make the noun 'increase' a trochee, whereas Shakespeare always, *I think*, makes it an iamb The same objection may be urged against 'Earth's *rich* increase,' a conjecture by 'Jacob,' recorded in the Third Cambridge Edition Wherefore it seems to me that the simplest way is to accept the *and* of the Folios—Ed]

126. *Spring*] STAUNTON See the *Faerie Queene*, III, vi, 42 'There is continually spring, and harvest there Continually, both meeting at one time' See also *Amos* ix, 13 'Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed'—KEIGHTLEY No one ever has made, or can make, sense of this The fact is, as the context plainly shows, that the poet's word was *Shall* With this simple change the whole passage becomes clear and grammatical, and forms a parallel to the fairy-blessing at the end of *Mid N D*—Mrs KEMBLE (p 150). I think the passage simply means that spring shall rapidly succeed autumn, leaving the dreary winter out of the calendar, a blessing Shakespeare has borrowed from that proclaimed to the Jews in that wonderful and awful chapter of promises and threats, the 26th of Leviticus 'And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time' From the same chapter he takes the words 'Earth's increase.' . It is impossible to read his plays attentively without perceiving that his mind was absolutely imbued with the style of thought and expression of our Bible And, strange to say, an intimate familiarity with the peculiar characteristics of its language is infinitely more perceptible in his profane (not to use the word in any but its technical sense) plays than in the great sacred epic of our English tongue, the *Paradise Lost*, whose learned author had assuredly the Bible in his heart, but so great a store of Greek, Latin, and Italian lore in his head that, though the subject of his poem is purely biblical, the style seldom, if ever, recalls that of the Bible

131 *charmingly*] HANMER'S and WARBURTON'S emendations died early of manition, living only long enough to suggest 'Harmonious charmingly!' to HOLT, and 'Harmoniously charming' to STEEVENS STAUNTON, with truth, says that 'charmingly' here imports *magically*, not delightfully.—Ed.

To thinke theſe ſpirits ?

132

Pro. Spirits, which by mine Art
I haue from their confines call'd to enact
My preſent fancies

135

Fer. Let me liue here euer,
So rare a wondred Father, and a wife

137

134 *from their*] *from all their* Ff, *father wiſe* Sta
Rowe, Pope, Han 137 *wiſe*] Ff, Coll 1, Hal Wh Dyce
to enact] *' enact* Pope, Han 1, Sta Ktly, Wrt, Rlfe, Dtn, Cam 111
137 *wondred wiſe*] *wonder and a wiſe* Rowe et cet

137 *rare a wondred*] WALKER (*Crit* 1, 129) That is, so *rare-wonder'd* a father [For many other similar transpositions of the indefinite article, see ABBOTT, § 422]—W A WRIGHT 'Wonder'd' is, able to perform wonders The participle is formed from the noun, as 'gifted,' not from the verb [See 'guiled shore,' *Oth* III, 11, 103, or ABBOTT, § 294, where the good general rule is given that participles formed from an adjective mean 'made (the adjective),' and derived from a noun, mean 'endowed with (the noun)']

137 *wiſe*] GRANT WHITE (*Sh Scholar*, p 94) To read *wiſe* is to degrade the poetical feeling of the passage—STAUNTON It is pretty evident that Ferdinand expresses a compliment to father and daughter, and equally so that the lines were intended to rhyme, with the very slight change we have ventured [see Text N] the passage fulfils both conditions It is noteworthy that the same rhyme occurs in the opening stanza of the *Pass Pil* 'what fool is not so wise To break an oath, to win a paradise' a stanza quoted in *Love's L L* IV, 111—A I FISH (*Phila Sh Soc* p 57) It appears that copies of the First Folio here differ, that some are to be found that read 'wife' and others that read 'wiſe', and that the change was made while the sheets were passing the press, but which reading first appeared can never be known The copy of the First Folio in the British Museum, the one at the Bridge-water House, and the eight [seven—ED] copies used by Mr Booth in collating his elegant reprint just finished, all read 'wiſe,' if the photograph and the fac-simile reprint may be trusted. The reprint of 1807 also reads 'wiſe'; so does Mr Forrest's copy of the First Folio, so does the copy in the Astor Library in New York If the collation of the Camb Edd is to be relied on, the remaining Folios all read 'wiſe' 'Wiſe' is certainly the reading of the Soc's copies of F₂ and F₄—In Pope's Ed. Rowe's reading is followed, but whether Rowe made the change, or printed from a Folio in which the change already existed, is not known It has been generally supposed that Rowe printed from a copy of F₄, if so, he made the change, unless some copy of that Folio existed wherein a change had been made while passing the press. It is known that Rowe did not pretend to have collated the Folios, it is also known that Pope did pretend to have so done, but in truth never actually did Staunton changes the reading, apparently misled by the notion that a rhyme was here intended, and he actually produces from the *Pass Pil* and *Love's Lab* just such a rhyme, but all the early texts are against him, and such wide deviations from all recognized readings, however acute, cannot be received with favour It has been suggested in favour of 'wiſe' that the verb is in the singular, but to this it may be answered that singular verbs and plural nominatives are too frequent in the F₄ to found and determine a

Makes this place Paradiſe. 138

Pro. Sweet now, ſilence.

Iuno and *Ceres* whiſper ſeriouſly, 140

There's ſomething elſe to doe: huſh, and be mute

Or elſe our ſpell is mar'd

Iuno and *Ceres* *whiſper, and ſend Iris on employment.*

Iris. You Nymphs call'd *Nayades* of y^e windring brooks,
With your ſedg'd crownes, and euer-harmeſſe lookes, 145

Leaue your criſpe channels, and on this greene-Land

138 *Makes*] *Make* Pope+, Steev
Mal Var Knt, Sing Coll 11, 111, Dyce
11, 111, Huds

139 *Sweet now, ſilence*] *Now ſilence,*
sweet ' Han Cap *Sweet, now ſilence!*
Johns *O ſweet, now ſilence* ' Ktly

140 Om Han

143 Transpoſed to follow 138, Cap

144 *Nayades*] Ff, Rowe *Nayads*
Pope+, Cap *Narades* Dyce *Narads*
Steev et cet

144 *windring*] Ff, Cap Cam Glo
Jeph Wrt *winding* Rowe+, Hal Sing
Dyce 1, Ktly, Clke, Wh 11, Coll 111
wandering Steev Mal Var Wh 1
wandering Knt *wandering* Coll 1, 11,
Sta Dyce 11, 111

145 *ſedg'd*] *ſedge* Coll 11 (MS),
Walker, Sing Huds

146 *greene-Land*] *green land* Theob
11 et seq

reading—W A WRIGHT Rowe conjectured *wife* independently Both readings of course yield an excellent sense, but it must be admitted that the latter seems to bring Ferdinand from his rapture back to earth again He is lost in wonder at Prospero's magic power It may be objected that in this case Miranda is left out altogether, but the use of the word 'father' shows that Ferdinand regarded her as one with himself [In my copy of the First Folio the letter which is to make a wise wife or a wife wise is of such a doubtful shape that no one, I think, would be willing to decide which end o' th' beam should bow Personally, seeing that I much prefer *wise*, I incline to believe that it is 'wise' in my copy—ED]

139 *Sweet now*] W A WRIGHT It would seem more natural that these words should be addressed to Miranda If they are properly assigned to Prospero, we should have expected that part of the previous speech would have been spoken by Miranda. They might form a continuation of Ferdinand's speech, which would then be interrupted by Prospero's 'Silence' Otherwise the difficulty might be avoided by giving 'Sweet . . . to do' to Miranda and the rest of the speech to Prospero—ELZE (p 143), accepting Wright's suggestion that these words are to be given to Miranda, believes that her speech ends with 'seriously'

144 *windring*] COLLIER Possibly *winding* is the true word If *wandering* be not right, it is difficult to account for the letter *r* in the misprint—LETTSON Perhaps the true reading is '*wiring*' This word occurs in P. Fletcher's *Purple Island*, C 1v, St. 21 'Then in small streams (through all the Island wiring) Sends it to every part, both heat and life inspiring'—MS Note in the present editor's copy of Dyce's *Remarks*

146 *crispe*] STEEVENS That is, curling, winding So in *1 Hen IV* I, 11, 106 'had his crisp head in the hollow bank' 'Crisp,' however, may allude to the little wave or *curl* (as it is commonly called) that the gentlest wind occasions on the surface of waters—DYCE This does not mean '*winding* channels,' but 'channels

Anfwere your fummons, *Iuno* do's command 147
 Come temperate *Nymphes*, and helpe to celebrate
 A Contract of true Loue · be not too late.

Enter Certaine Nymphes. 150

You Sun-burn'd Sicklemen of August weary,
 Come hether from the furrow, and be merry,
 Make holly day · your Rye-straw hats put on,
 And these fresh Nymphes encounter euery one
 In Country footing. 155

*Enter certaine Reapers (properly habited.) they ioyn with
 the Nymphes, in a gracefull dance, towards the end where-
 of, Prospero starts sodainly and speakes, after which to a
 strange hollow and confused noyse, they heauily vanish.*

Pro. I had forgot that foule conspiracy 160
 Of the beaſt *Caliban*, and his confederates
 Againſt my life the minute of their plot
 Is almoſt come Well done, auoid · no more

Fer This is ſtrange : your fathers in ſome paſſion 164

147 *our*] *our* Huds

153 *holly day*] *holly-day* F₄

156 Scene IV Pope+

159 heauily] Om Pope, Han

160 [Aside Johns

163 [To the Spirits. Johns

164 *ſtrange*] *moſt ſtrange* Theob II,

Han Warb Johns Cap Steev '93, Dyce

II, III

with a curl on the ſurface of the water', compare in Browne's *Brit Pastorals*, B 1, Song 5, p 133, ed 1625, 'He long ſtands viewing of the *curled ſtreame*'

146 *greene-Land*] WALKER (*Crit* III, 6) Perhaps it is worth noticing that the Folio prints 'greene-land' 'Land' is *lawn* — W A WRIGHT · This is the 'short-grass'd green' of line 92, and we ſhould rather have expected *laund*, which occurs [elsewhere] as a form of *lawn*

155 *footing*] FLEAY (*Life and Work*, &c p 250, Foot-note). Compare with this Masque that by Beaumont, written for the Inner Temple, 1613 ·

1 'Thy bank with pioned and twilled brims' (*Tempest*)
 'Bordered with sedges and water flowers' (*Inner Temple Masque*)

'Nayades with sedged crowns' (*Tempest*)

2 'Blessing . and increasing' (*Tempest*)

'Blessing and increase' (*Inner Temple Masque*)

3 The main part played by Iris in both

4. The dance of the Naiads in both Many of the properties could be utilized in both performances. [See note on l 68]

164. This is] WALKER (*Vers* p. 80) conjectures that the 'is' is absorbed in This,' which should be printed, *Thus* Of Theobald's addition of *moſt*, Walker ſays · The expreſſion, as it ſeems to me, is, in ſpite of Matilda's reply, too ſtrong

That workes him strongly.

165

Mir Neuer till this day

Saw I him touch'd with anger, so diftemper'd.

Pro. You doe looke (my fon) in a mou'd fort,

As if you were difmaid be cheerefull Sir,

Our Reuels now are ended Thefe our aëtors,

170

(As I foretold you) were all Spirits, and

Are melted into Ayre, into thin Ayre,

And like the bafeleffe fabricke of this vifion

The Clowd-capt Towres, the gorgeous Pallaces,

174

167 *anger, fo*] *anger so* Theob u et
seq

168 *You*] *Why, you Han Sure, you*
Dyce u, u *Nay you* Nicholson
doe] Om Pope, Theob Warb
Johns

168 *looke fort*] *my son, look in a*
mov'd sort Seymour, Huds *look in a*
mov'd sort, my son Ktly

mov'd] *most mov'd* E Hills (N
& Qu 4, xi, 152)

173 *this vifion*] *their vifion* Ff, Rowe,
Pope, Han *th' air-vifions* Warb

and disproportionate to the occasion The contracted "passion," too, at the end of the line, is unlikely' [Note the extraordinary misprint of 'Matilda,' which escaped Lettsom's eye —ED] —DYCE But, in my opinion, the addition, *most*, is quite justified by Miranda's reply, and already in the present play we have had the 'contracted "passion" at the end of the line,' I, u, 456

168 *You doe, &c*] ABBOTT, § 483 Perhaps, aware of Ferdinand's comment on his passion, Prospero turns to Ferdinand and says, 'It is *you* who are moved' in '*You* | do look | my son | in a | mov'd sort' Otherwise the reading of the line so as to avoid accenting 'my' seems difficult —CAMBRIDGE EDITORS This line, however, can scarcely have come from Shakespeare's pen Perhaps the writer who composed the Masque was allowed to join it, as best he might, to Shakespeare's words, which recommence at 'Our revels now are ended,' &c [See note on l 68]

171 and] See I, u, 14

173-178 W. BISPHAM (*N & Qu* 7th S. v, 182, 1888) calls attention to the transposition and omission in these six lines which occur in the inscription on the monument to Shakespeare in Westminster Abbey, whereby line 177 is omitted and line 173 substituted for it, a transposition which the needs of the case seem amply to justify —ED

174, &c STEEVENS The exact period at which this play was produced is unknown In the year 1603 *The Tragedy of Darius*, by William Alexander, afterwards Earl of Sterling, made its appearance, and there I find the following passage:

'Let greatnesse of her glascie scepters vaunt,
Not sceptors, no, but reeds, soone brus'd, soone broken
And let this worldlie pomp our wits inchant,
All fades, and scarcelie leaues behinde a token
Those golden pallaces, those gorgeous halles,
With fourmiture superfluously faire
Those statelie courts, these sky encounterng walles
Evanish all like vapours in the aire' —[ap Staunton]

The folemne Temples, the great Globe it felfe, 175
 Yea, all which it inherit, shall diffolue,
 And like this infubstantiall Pageant faded
 Leaue not a racke behinde . we are fuch stuffe 178

178 *racke*] *rack* F₃F₄ *track* or *trace* L H (Nichols's *Ill* ii, 631) *track* Han
wreck Hal Dyce *wrack* Sing Ktly

Lord Sterling's play must have been written before the death of Queen Elizabeth (which happened on the 24th of March, 1603), as it is dedicated to James VI, King of Scots. Whoever should seek for this passage (as here quoted from the 4to, 1603 [1604, ap. Staunton]) in the Folio Edition, 1637, will be disappointed, as Lord Sterling made considerable changes in all his plays after their first publication. [See Appendix, 'Date of Composition']—E. TEW (*N & Qu* 4th S xi, 234, 1873) calls attention to the parallelism between these lines and Lucretius, i [1105-1109, ed. Lachman]. It is interesting to note the occurrence of the same, or a similar, thought to great poets, but to imagine that Shakespeare took this imagery from Lucretius is about as reasonable as to suppose that Lucretius took it from Shakespeare. More than a parallelism, Tew does not claim.—ED.]

175-178 These lines ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) would thus punctuate 'the great globe itself—Yea, all which it inherit—shall dissolve, And, like this insubstantial vision, faded, Leave not a rack behind', that is, 'understanding "faded" to agree with "globe," and to be equal to "fading" or "having faded".'

176. *inherit*] That is, to possess, e. g. 'Such delight . shall you this night inherit at my house'—*Rom* and *Jul*, and 'But to the girdle do the gods inherit'—*Lear*, &c., but may it not be that 'it,' in this sentence, is the nominative, and 'which' the accusative? The *s* needed to convert 'inherit' into *inherits* is present in the *s* of the succeeding 'shall'. Is there not a stricter propriety in saying 'the great globe itself, yea, everything which it possesses,' rather than 'everything which possesses it'?—ED.

177 *pageant*] MALONE. See Stowe's account of the pageants exhibited in 1604 (not many years before this play was written), on King James's passing triumphantly from The Tower to Westminster on which occasion seven gates or arches were erected in different places through which the procession passed. Over the first gate 'was represented the true likeness of all the notable houses, *Towers*, and steeples within the citie of London'—'The sixth arche or gate of triumph was erected above the Conduit in Fleete-streete, whereon the *Globe* of the world was seen to move, &c. At Temple-bar a seaventh arche or gait was erected, the fore-front whereof was proportioned in every respect like a *Temple*, being dedicated to Janus, &c. The citie of Westminster and dutchy of Lancaster, at the Strand, had erected the invention of a Rainbow, the moone, sunne, starres, advanced between two Pyramides,' &c.—*Annals*, p. 1429, ed. 1605. See also his *Survey of London*, p. 802, ed. 1618 '—some of them, like Midsummer pageants, with *towers*, *turrets*,' &c. Perhaps our poet remembered Spenser's *Ruines of Time*, 1591 [lines 92-99].

178 *racke*] The chief contest over this word did not begin until the days of Malone, before then it was a mere discussion of the various meanings of the word 'rack' as applied to clouds. MALONE suggested *wrack*, i. e. *wreck*, and thereafter the discussion was divided.—HANMER defines 'rack' as the 'course or driving of the clouds,' but nevertheless changed it in this place to *track*. This may have led UPSON

[178 Leaeue not a racke behinde]

(*Crit Obs* p 210) to define it as *track* or *path*, as it is used, he says, 'in the northern parts' (in which assertion he was subsequently upheld by Brockett, *Gloss*)—WARBURTON explains 'rack' as 'the vestige of an embodied cloud [whatever that may mean], which hath been broken and dissipated by the winds'—CAPELL calls it 'the thin remains of a cloud, broken by the wind, and flying before it, also, the wind's action on such a cloud'—STEEVENS 'The winds' (says Bacon [*Sylva Sylvarum*, cent 11, § 115—Wright]) 'in the upper region (which move the clouds above, which we call the rack, and are not perceived below) pass without noise' I should explain the word 'rack' somewhat differently, by calling it 'the last fleeting vestige of the highest clouds, scarce perceptible on account of their distance and tenuity' What was anciently called the 'rack' is now termed by sailors the *scud* The word is common to many authors contemporary with Shakespeare [Hereupon many examples follow, and many more might have been added not only from Shakespeare's contemporaries, but from his predecessors and his followers]—MALONE [whose note is so important that it is given entire] *Rack* is generally used for a *body of clouds* or rather for the *course of clouds in motion* So in *Ant & Cleop* IV, xiv, 10 'That which is now a horse, even with a thought, The rack dislimns' But no instance has yet been produced where it is used to signify a *single small fleeting cloud*, in which sense only can it be figuratively applied here I incline to think that 'rack' is a misspelling for *wrack*, i. e. *wreck*, which Fletcher likewise has used for a minute broken fragment See his *Wife for a Month*, where we find the word misspelt as it is in *The Tempest* 'He will bulge so subtly and suddenly, You may snatch him up by parcels, like a *sea-rack* [V, 11, *ad fin*, where Dyce silently prints 'sea-wreck' This conjecture of *wreck* for 'rack,' by the way, appeared first in 1793] It has been urged 'that objects which have only a visionary and insubstantial existence can, when the vision is faded, leave nothing *real*, and consequently no *wreck* behind them' But the objection is founded on misapprehension The words '—leave not a rack (or wreck) behind' relate not to 'the baseless fabric of this vision,' but to the final destruction of the world, of which the towers, temples, palaces shall (*like* a vision or pageant) be dissolved, and leave no vestige behind—WHITER (whose volume has never, I think, received its full meed of attention) chronologically followed Malone, and by suggesting the train of thought which prompted the use of the word 'rack,' vindicated the original text 'Our commentators,' says Whiter, p 195, 'have justly observed that the famous passage in *The Tempest* may receive some illustration from the Pageant, and we may add that as the reflections (which it contains) were made at the close of an exhibition of this nature, it is but reasonable to suppose that the imagery would be strongly impregnated with the same ideas by which these reflections were originally suggested' Our commentators have not been aware that [the phrase "the rack dislimns" in *Ant & Cleop.*] refers to the Pageant, and, therefore, they have not seen, first, that the word "rack" is the true reading in *The Tempest*; and, secondly, that it appears to have a peculiar reference to the subject of the *Pageant* To remove, however, all our doubts on this occasion, let us mark the following quotation from Jonson, *Hymenæi* [p 59, ed Gifford] "Here the upper part of the scene, which was all of clouds, and made artificially to swell, and ride like the RACK, began to open, and the air clearing, in the top thereof was discovered Juno sitting on a throne, supported by two beautiful peacocks Above her the region of fire, with a continual motion, was seen to whirl circularly, and Jupiter standing in the top (figuring the heaven) brandishing his thunder, beneath her the rainbow, Iris

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and on the two sides eight ladies, attired richly and alike in the most celestial colours, who represented her powers, as she is the Governess of Marriage" The word in question is here introduced on the very subject, and with the same personages annexed to it, which constitute the insubstantial pageant exhibited by Prospero We have in both cases a *Hymeneal* masque, with Juno and Iris among the characters Having thus established the truth of the reading beyond all possibility of doubt, we have now to enquire how the obvious spirit of the passage can be reconciled with the text, as every one agrees that "leave not a rack behind" must signify that not a vestige, not the smallest part of the whole, shall be left behind, but the difficulty consists in discovering how the word "rack" is introduced on this occasion bearing such a sense Let the reader, therefore, be informed that the poet, occupied as his mind now is with a peculiar train of ideas and imagery, does not affix to the word "rack" its general and abstracted sense, but applies it to a body of "clouds in motion" *when considered as a constituent part in the machinery of a PAGEANT* In exhibiting, therefore, the ruins of a fabric in which the solidity of the globe itself, and such mighty edifices as towers, temples, and palaces, were dissolved, what could possibly appear more inconsiderable and evanescent than that part of the spectacle which represented the light and flimsy texture of the passing clouds? Mark then, says Prospero, the little pageant that has just passed before your eyes, and is now vanished into air It is thus that the great Pageant of the world shall itself finally be no more, not even the minutest portion of this vast machinery shall escape the general destruction,—not a RACK,—not an atom shall remain'—After Whiter comes HORNE TOOKE, very dogmatic, and, therefore, only partly right 'Rack' (*Dir of Purley*, p 599, ed 1857) means merely That which is *Reeked* And whether written *rak*, *wrach*, *reck*, *roik*, or *reeke*, is the same word differently pronounced and spelled It is merely the past tense, and therefore part participle, of the Anglosaxon verb *Racan*, exhalare, *To Reek*, and is surely the most appropriate term that could be employed by Shakespeare in this passage of *The Tempest*, to represent to us that the dissolution and annihilation of the globe and all which it inherit should be so total and complete, they should so melt 'into ayre, into *thin ayre*,' as not to leave behind them even a *Vapour*, a *Sieam*, or an *Exhalation*, to give the slightest notice that such things had ever been —'Rack,' says KNIGHT, 'is the smallest feathery cloud,—the *cirrus* of modern science'—COLLIER, in his first edition, follows Horne Tooke "'Rack,'" he remarks, 'is vapour, from *reek*,' and adds, 'The word "rack" was often used in this way,—an unguarded remark, for which he was brought severely to task by DYCE, who, in a note on 'a rack (i e wreck) of honour,' in *The Woman's Prize* (Beau & Fl vol vii, p 137), quotes the last five words of it in small capitals, and sternly comments 'Now, the truth is, it was NEVER so used', and then goes on to say, 'Though "the rack" (i e the thin vapour clouds, see vol ii, 120, vol v, 10, and present vol p 66) is an expression very frequently employed by our early writers, no passage can be adduced in which "a rack" (a single vapoury cloud) is mentioned Brockett (*Gloss of North Country Words*) gives "RACK, a track, a trace," and insists that this is the meaning of the word as used in *The Tempest* I am inclined to think that he is right, if not, "a rack" must be, as in the passage of our text [i e *The Woman's Prize*] a misprint for "a wrack," i e a *wreck*' This was in 1844, nine years later Dyce again took up the subject in his *Few Notes*, &c He begins (p 13) with the emphatic statement

I believe Malone's objection to the reading, "a rack," is unanswerable,' and then after quoting Malone's objection in full, and ending with Malone's suggestion that

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'rack' is a misspelling for *wrack*,¹ e wreck, Dyce concludes 'I am now thoroughly convinced that such is the case. In authors of the age of Elizabeth and James, I have repeatedly met with 'rack' put for *wrack*, and in all the early editions of Milton's *Par Lost* which I possess,—viz the first, 1667, the second, 1674, the third, 1678, the fourth, 1688, and the eighth, 1707,—I find "—or all the elements At least had gone to rack" [1 e *wrack*=wreck], B iv, 990 "A world devote to universal rack" [1 e *wrack*=wreck]'—HUNTER (*New Ill* 1, 185) urges Malone's objection to 'rack,' which 'like the kindred word *welkin* is never used but with the definite article, "the rack," "the welkin," while in Shakespeare it is "a rack" At least this reading should be justified by the production of some other passage in which we found a poet or a prose writer speaking of a rack, since something may be said in favour of *wreck* or *wrack*, as Shakespeare wrote Not only will the forms into which the materials were arranged disappear,—"the cloud-capt Towers," &c—but their very *wracks*, wrecks, ruins, will vanish from human sight, as the pageant has utterly faded away'—A discussion arose in *Notes & Queries* in 1851 (vol iii, p 218, iv, pp 121, 158, 193, v, p 390, 2d S vol i, p 425, 3d vol ii, p 44) which turned largely on the derivation of the word, and in which those who preferred *wreck* were in the minority In 1881 (6th S iv, p 444) BR NICHOLSON vouches that 'the rack' is now the nautical term used, and quotes Admiral Smyth's definition of it 'the superior stratum of clouds, or that moving rapidly above [and it may be in a contrary direction to—B N] the scud' Nicholson hereupon adds what is the best answer yet given to Malone's argument, pronounced by Dyce to be 'unanswerable,' as follows 'The rack generally is not merely a stratum of continuous cloud, but more or less a congeries of clouds more or less separated the one from the other, and in R Armin's *Italian Taylor and his boy*, 1608, we find "Lookt like the angry cloudes in blackes, Which threaten shewers of raine, Yet ride upon the moving rackes, As it would to the maine"—Grosart's Rep p 185 The grammar and exact sense are here, as not infrequently in Armin, rather confused, but though "it" may refer either to the "cloudes" or to the "rackes," it is clear from "blackes" that the plural "rackes" is no misprint. Hence, there being a plural, "a rack" as a single substantial cloudlet may have been permissible'—HALLIWELL accepted Malone's criticism as sound, and followed it by adopting *wreck* in his text 'The choice,' he says, 'is clearly between *wreck* and *rack*, regarding the latter in the sense of a vapoury, moving cloud *Wrack* is the most usual old orthography of *wreck*, so that it is clear the spelling of this word so much varied that an editor may be left to his own judgement in selecting the particular use of it in the present instance' In reply to the objection that no passage can be adduced in which 'a rack' is used, Halliwell cites a passage in one of Lydgate's poems (MS, Ashmole, 39, f 51), which would lead to the inference that it may have been so employed 'As Phebus doeth at mydday in the southe, Whan every *rak* and every cloudy sky Is voide clene,' &c —DYCE's note *ad loc*, repeats what has been given above from his *Few Notes*, and adds 'Since the publication of the volume just quoted, Dr Richardson has favoured me with a letter containing an elaborate defence of "Leave not a *rack* behind", but his arguments have only strengthened my conviction that it is wrong A portion of his pleading in favour of "rack" runs thus "Prospero the magician has presented a vision of baseless fabric, and the actors and agencies of it are *melted into thin air*, and he pronounces—that, *like this* baseless fabric, *the fabric* of the great globe itself shall *disolve*, that is, *melt*, and, like this faded or *evanished* unsubstantial pageant, shall by

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this *dissolution* (not destruction or disruption) leave not (the only possible relict of such visionary unsubstantial pageant) a *rack* behind. All *likeness* would be lost by the substitution of *wreck*,—a mass of solid ruins. Now, I cannot but think that in the above minute analysis of the simile Dr Richardson shows himself over subtle. Shakespeare, I believe, meant nothing more than this. "As the unsubstantial pageant had wholly vanished, so the great substantial globe itself should pass away without leaving a single fragment behind." And to this view Dyce was faithful throughout his three editions.—COLLIER, in his second edition, defends, and, as I think, justly, not his unguarded remark, but his text. In reply to Dyce's observation that 'a rack' is unprecedented he urges that 'there are many unprecedented expressions in Shakespeare, which he introduced for poetical force and variety, and we are not to abandon the beautiful and appropriate image afforded by "rack," i. e. thin vapour, for the commonplace and trite word *wrack* or *wreck*, merely because in other writers what Shakespeare terms "a rack" only occurs as "the rack." Those who, like Mr Dyce, prefer "Leave not a *wrack* behind," have the choice before them, we prefer "rack," and we challenge the production of an instance from the whole of the Folio, 1623, in which "wrack," i. e. *wreck*, is printed, as in the place in question, "racke." What Prospero means is that the pageant had so entirely faded as not even to leave the slightest trace behind it.—CARTWRIGHT. By submitting to the hard, dry fact that neither 'rack' nor 'wreck' can be used without vitiating the language, we are rewarded with the happy discovery of the true reading in the homely and expressive word *scrap*,—"Leave not a *scrap* behind"—A. I. FISH (*Phila. Sh. Soc.* p. 59), in answer to Malone's objection that 'rack,' in the sense of a single small fleeting cloud, can be only figuratively applied here, asks pertinently why it should not be so applied here? "Suppose, too, this very interpretation is found in the original, which is thought by Malone to have suggested this passage. Let the reader turn to Lord Sterling's *Darius*. "These stately courts, these sky-encountering walls, Evanesce like the *vapours* of the air."—HALLIWELL (p. 53). Perhaps the following quotation is the most favourable one yet pointed out as regards the reading 'rack'. "Oure life shal passe away as the trace of a cloude, and com to naught as the mist that is driven awaye with the beames of the sunne, and put down with the heat thereof"—*The Booke of Wyssedome*, Cranmer's Bible, ed. 1562.—W. A. WRIGHT prefers 'rack,' i. e. 'the mass of clouds,' and notes that 'wreck' is 'the reading on the monument to Shakespeare in Westminster Abbey, which was erected in 1740'. [Of the same mind are Rev. JOHN HUNTER, the COWDEN-CLARKES, JEPHSON, PHILLPOTTS, D. MORRIS, MEIKLEJOHN, HUDSON, ROLFE, DELIGHTON. It is easy to see that a discussion like the foregoing was inevitable in pre-philological days. Horne Tooke is largely responsible for it by confounding two distinct words, derived from different roots, and, in the vague orthography of old times, frequently spelt alike, viz. *rack* and *reck*. The former, *rack*, is, according to SKEAT (s. v.), the same word with *wrack*, and allied to *wreck*. It means, according to WEDGWOOD, 'the drift of the sky, from the Old Swedish *wraha*, Old Norse, *reka*, to drive, *rek*, drift, motion'. The latter, *reck*, is to smoke, to steam, from the Teutonic base, according to Skeat, RECK, to smoke, reek, and familiar in modern German as *rauch*. Essentially different as these two words are, it is readily seen with what ease they may be confounded when applied to clouds, which may be driven across the sky, or rest there as an exhalation. From the Anglosaxon *wreccan*, to drive, to unroll, comes Chaucer's *wrak* and our *wreck*. So that Dyce has a right to say in the present passage that 'rack' is *wreck*, and the discussion is thereby

As dreames are made on ; and our little life
Is rounded with a sleepe · Sir, I am vext,

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narrowed to mere personal preference The only interpretation that appeals to Dyce is that not a fragment, not a material atom, is left behind, the only interpretation acceptable to others is that not a vaporous film even is left behind That the latter is the better, to me, personally, *res ipsa vociferatur* Therefore it is that I have reserved to the last STAUNTON'S excellent note, with me it is decisive, not alone because it adheres to 'rack,' but because it shows why that word of all others was here used, a reason which was unquestionably derived from Whiter, to whom, in fact, Staunton refers the reader The note is as follows 'While it is evident that by "rack" was understood the drifting vapour, or *scud*, as it is now termed, it would appear that Shakespeare, in the present instance, as in another occurring in *Ant & Cleop* [as given above], was thinking not more of the actual clouds than of those gauzy semblances, which, in the pageants of his day, as in the stage-spectacles of ours, were often used partly or totally to obscure the scene behind Ben Jonson, in the descriptions of his masques, very frequently mentions this scenic contrivance Thus in his *Entertainment at Theobalds* "The King and Queen, with the princes of Wales and Lorrain, and the nobility, being entered into the gallery after dinner, there was seen nothing but a traverse of white across the room, which suddenly drawn, was discovered a gloomy obscure place, *hung all with black silks*," &c Again, in his *Masque of Hymen* "At this, the whole scene being drawn again, and *all covered with clouds, as at night*, they left off their intermixed dances, and returned to their first places" The evanishing of the actors, then, in Prospero's pageant,—who "melted into air, into thin air,"—was doubtless effected by the agency of filmy curtains, which, being drawn one over another to resemble the flying mists, gave to the scene an appearance of gradual dissolution, when the objects were totally hidden, the drapery was withdrawn in the same manner, veil by veil, till at length even that too had disappeared, and there was left, then, not even a *rack* behind'—ED]

179 dreams] Voss (*Anmerk* p 185) cites parallel passages from Pindar, *Pyth* viii, 95 *σκιὰς ὅσας ἀνθρώπων*, Æschylus, *Prom* 550; Sophocles, *Aias* 126 And HENSE (*Antikes*, p 473) adds others from Aristophanes, *Aves*, 686, Euripides, *Aeol* fr 25 (Nauck, *fragm tragicorum græcorum*, p. 295)

179 on] This is universally interpreted as meaning *of*, and I suppose that is its meaning here, as in so many other places Still, something could be said in favour of retaining its ordinary meaning of *upon*—ED

180 rounded] KNIGHT · We have been asked the meaning of this passage, it being supposed that 'rounded' was used in the sense of terminated; and that one sleep was the end of life This was not Shakespeare's philosophy, nor would he have introduced an idea totally disconnected with the previous description 'Rounded' is used in the sense of *encompassed*. The 'insubstantial pageant' had been presented, its actors had 'melted into thin air,' it was an unreality In the same way life itself is but a dream It is *surrounded* with the sleep which is the parent of dreams Here we have the shadowing out of the doctrine of Berkeley, and we have no doubt that Shakespeare, to whom all philosophical speculation was familiar, may have entertained the theory that our senses are impressed by the Creator with the *images* of things which form our material world,—a world of ideas—of dream-like unrealities—

Beare with my weakenesse, my old braine is troubled. 181

DYCE Knight's exposition is, I suspect, more ingenious than true —BIRCH, whose book, a really fine tribute to the myriad mindedness of Shakespeare, was written, be it remembered, to prove that Shakespeare was a materialist and atheist, thus epitomises (p. 55) this speech as 'a signal and brilliant consummation of the poet's materialistic teachings. In language most laboured, unequivocal, and emphatic we are told that the great globe and all humanity shall dissolve and leave no wreck of identity behind. To prevent ambiguity in the supposition that only matter is the pageant that shall fade, it is reiterated that "we are such stuff as dreams" are made of,—that when "our revels are ended, our little life is rounded by a sleep," enforcing the same material ideas peculiar to Seneca and Cicero,—to ancient and modern atheists.' Again (p. 527) he says of this same speech 'Nothing can be more conclusive of the end of all things, great and small. Perpetual change of matter is proclaimed,—perpetual loss of identity, which is the case with ourselves, as those spirits vanished, so shall we disappear. As these illusions, so are our dreams, and as these dreams are rounded by a sleep, so are our lives. We slept and knew not before we came into the world, so we shall when we leave it, of such stuff as to eternity and identity are we made. As is a dream in a sleep, so is life in eternity. Of such "stuff," not a very ennobling term, are we made. Knight, by mentioning Berkeley about dreams, wishes to have it supposed that Shakespeare had the same philosophy as the no matter Bishop. His intention was avowed,—it was to support religion and points of faith, but we have no such spiritualism in Shakespeare,—all indicates materialism.

To us, it appears, "life rounded by a sleep" expresses exactly what Cicero said, and the poets of antiquity, that you returned in death to what you were before you were born, the beginning, middle, and end of existence comprised in a circle of perpetual night. "A mind firm and enlightened is without inquietude, it despises death, which places man back in the same state where he was before he was born"—Cicero *de finibus*. "Our revels ended" expresses the pleasures of life ended as well as the pangs. Life rounded with a sleep seems well expressed by Seneca in consolations to a friend, though, for the same purpose as Shakespeare has in speaking of death, he makes the consolation to consist, as Shakespeare does generally, in its being the termination of our pains. "Death finishes all our pains, beyond, there remains nothing to suffer, it restores us to that profound tranquillity in which we were softly extended before that we saw the day"—W. A. WRIGHT defines 'rounded' as 'finished off, as with a crown,' and refers to *Mid N D* IV, 1, 56 'For she his hairy temples then had rounded With coronet of fresh and fragrant flowers,' where, however, 'rounded' being directly connected with a crown, is not precisely similar to the present 'rounded,' which is by all other editors, I think, defined simply as 'completed, finished.' Birch's interpretation, with his accusation of materialism and atheism, arises from the pernicious practice of imputing to Shakespeare personally the sentiments expressed by his dramatic characters. The comparison of death to sleep must have been coeval with conscious life and with the first sight of death, that we are dreams is an argument for our immortality. 'Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting,' says The Immortal Ode. 'To die? to sleep,—no more.' The wheel comes full circle, and our little life is rounded with a sleep.—ED

18. WARBURTON finds in the sense of *ingratitude* a sufficing cause for Prospero's great emotion of anger, which seems strange when it is considered that the cause of it was 'the plot of a contemptible savage and two drunken sailors.' But Caliban's

Be not disturb'd with my infirmities, 182
 If you be pleas'd, retire into my Cell,
 And there repose, a turne or two, Ile walke
 To still my beating minde. 185
Fer. Mir We wish you peace. *Exit.*
Pro. Come with a thought; I thank thee *Ariell* come 187

183 *you*] *thou* Rowe II, Pope, Theob
 Warb Johns
 185 *minde*] *heart* Gould
 186 *your*] *you* F₄, Rowe, Pope, Han
 Hal Walker

186 *Exit*] *Exe* *Fer* and *Mir* Theob
 187 *thee*] *you* — Theob Warb Johns
 Steev '93, Var Sing Ktly *ye* Cap Dyce
 II, III, Huds

ingratitude recalled his brother's, and 'that these two, who had received at his hands the two best gifts mortals are capable of, *Regal power* and the *Use of Reason*, that these should conspire against the life of the donor, would surely afflict a generous mind to its utmost bearing'—To the same effect PHILLPOTS, but with far more insight and vigour 'Why was Prospero so moved with anger at such a time? Not certainly from the absurd plot of Caliban and his confederates, which he can frustrate in a moment, but from a sense of all injuries, past and present, surging on his mind at once. Therefore he seems to think, "Life is but a dream, the time of a sleep, unsubstantial, fleeting. It can at best have little in it that is sound or contenting, yet this little is usurped upon by men's wickedness. What these contemptible enemies are now vainly planning was accomplished years ago by still baser opponents, who have succeeded for years past in maiming and mutilating my life, making me the inhabitant of a desert isle, with Caliban for my sole subject, when I should have been gracing "the first of the signories" of Italy. Hence his "beating mind," and the necessity of a few moments' retirement to still it, and also to rid himself of an Italian's strong wish for vengeance on his old enemies, now so completely in his power—a wish which he conquers only when spurred to compassion by Ariel's sympathy.'

187 The Textual Notes afford hardly scope enough to give intelligibly the various readings of this line. THEOBALD was the first to deviate from the Folio (for his followers, see Text Notes) thus 'Come with a thought,—I thank you —Ariel, come,' where 'I thank you' is evidently intended to be addressed to his departing children.—CAPELL'S variation from Theobald is of the slightest 'Come with a thought,—I thank ye—Ariel, come.'—STEEVENS says expressly that these thanks are in reply to the joint wish of Ferdinand and Miranda, and followed Theobald in changing 'thee' to *you*—DYCE (ed 1) accepts Steevens's explanation, but retains 'thee,' because 'it is certain that "thee" was sometimes used when more persons than one were addressed, as in *a Hen IV* II, III, "I pray *thee*, loving wife, and gentle daughter, Give," &c'—STAUNTON quite agrees, both in text and note, with Dyce, who, by the way, prints 'Come with a thought'—I thank thee —Ariel, come' '*Thee*,' says Staunton, 'however ungrammatical, appears to have been sometimes used in a plural sense, thus, in *Ham* II, II, the prince, addressing the players, says "I'm glad to see *thee* well"'—GRANT WHITE (ed 1) was the first to interpret the line as it stands in the Folio. He derides the idea of 'making Prospero thank Ferdinand and Miranda for their salutation' and explains that 'the authentic text plainly makes the magician, as he summons the sprite, thank him (according to his habit) for the masque which he had so deftly managed'—DYCE, in his next edition, changed his text as follows

Enter Ariel. 188

Ar. Thy thoughts I cleave to, what's thy pleasure?

Pro. Spirit We must prepare to meet with *Caliban*. 190

Ar. I my Commander, when I presented *Ceres*
I thought to have told thee of it, but I fear'd
Leaft I might anger thee

Pro. Say again, where didst thou leave these varlots?

Ar. I told you Sir, they were red-hot with dinking, 195
So full of valour, that they smote the ayre
For breathing in their faces beate the ground
For kissing of their feete, yet alwaies bending
Towards their proiect: then I beate my Tabor,
At which like vnback't colts they prickt their eares, 200
Aduanc'd their eye-lids, lifted vp their noses
As they smelt musicke, so I charm'd their eares
That Calfe-like, they my lowing follow'd, through
Tooth'd briars, sharpe firzes, picking gosse, & thorns, 204

188 [Prospero comes forward from the
Cell, enter Ariel to him Theob

190 *Spirit*] Separate line, Theob et
seq

193 *Leaft*] *Left* F₄ et seq

194 *Say*] *But, say Han Well, say*
Cap Huds *Say yet* Nicholson (N &
Qu 1866)

204 *goffe*] *gorse* Coll

'[*To Ariel*] Come with a thought '—I thank ye [*Exeunt Fer and Mir*]—Ariel, come" and in reply to Grant White says, 'surely the words "We wish your peace" cannot possibly be regarded as a "salutation," they form a very proper reply to what Prospero has just said, "I am vex'd, Bear with my weakness my old brain is troubled," &c' Dyce then goes on to withdraw, as without foundation, his former remark that 'thee' was sometimes used when more than one person was addressed 'As to the passage in *2 Hen IV*, we must suppose (if "thee" be not a mistake for *ye*) that the full construction is "I pray thee, gentle wife, and thee, gentle daughter," &c, and as to the passage which Staunton cites from *Ham* the position of *thee* in the sentence determines that it is an error for *ye* Moreover, the Folio has in *Coriol* I, 1, "He that will give good words to thee, will flatter," &c, where the author must have written *ye* or *you*'

190 to meet with] JOHNSON: That is, to counteract, to play stratagem against stratagem 'The parson knows the temper and pulse of every person in the house, and accordingly either meets with their vices, or advanceth their virtues'—Herbert's *Country Parson* [chap. x.—W A WRIGHT, who also cites 'Crafty varlets make thee a traitor to old Harry's life! Well, well, I'll meet with some of them'—Rowley's *When you see me you know me* (p 69, ed Elze)]

194. For the attempts to mend the metre of this line (which Dyce says can hardly be right), see Text N ABBOTT, § 484, would allow the voice to rest on 'Say' long enough to dispense with an extra syllable

201 eye- 'ds] See I, ii, 472.

Which entred their fraile skins · at last I left them 205
 I'th' filthy mantled poole beyond your Cell,
 There dancing vp to th'chins, that the fowle Lake
 Ore-ftunck their feet

Pro This was well done (my bird)
 Thy shape inuisible retaine thou still. 210
 The trumpery in my house, goe bring it hither
 For stale to catch these theeues *Ar.* I go, I goe. *Exit.* 212

205 *skins*] *skins* so quoted, Warb 208 *Ore-ftunck*] *O'erswayed* Cart-
 206 *filthy mantled*] *filth-ymantled* wringt.
Steev conj *filthy-mantled* Cam *feet*] *fell* Wilson
 your] *you* F.

204 *pricking gosse*] TOLLETT The low *gorse* that only grows on wet ground, and which is well described by the name of *whins* in Markham's *Fa: ewell to Hus bandry* It has prickles like those of a rose-tree or a gooseberry —BEISLY (p 12) This is the *Gemsta anglica*, petty whin, called *goss* in, and previously to, the time of Shakespeare In the 15th Henry VI (1436), Humfrey, Duke of Gloster, had license to enclose 200 acres of land,—‘pasture, wode, hethe, vrses, and gorste, bruere et jampnorum,’—and to form thereof a park at Greenwich From this it appears that ‘furze’ and ‘gorse’ were then treated as distinct plants, and Shakespeare so considered them —W A WRIGHT That is, *gorse* In the same way a waterfall in Westmoreland and Cumberland is called either a ‘foss’ or a ‘force’ Professor Sedgwick used to maintain that the latter was a corruption introduced by the Lake Poets, but both forms, ‘foss’ and ‘fors,’ are found in Icelandic, the former being more modern Cotgrave gives ‘Ajours m Furze, Gorse’, and ‘Genest espineux Fures, Whinnes, Gorse, Thorne-broome’ It is not clear that there was any distinction between ‘furze and ‘goss’ Gerard, in his *Herbal*, says, ‘There be diuers sorts of prickley Broome, called in our English toong, by sundry names according to the speech of the countrey people where they do growe, in some places Furzes, in others Whinnes and Gorse, and of some pricklie Broome’ (p 1138, ed 1597)

208 *feet*] BULLOCH (p 24) conjectures *feet*, ‘implying that the filth they had passed through had overstunk their nefarious project’ —INGLEBY (*Sh the Man*, &c ii, 16) proposed the same emendation, ‘meaning fit = fyte = dance’ —Both the CAM ED and DYCE record *fear* as a conjecture of Spedding In a foot note Ingleby (as above) says of this conjecture, *fear*, ‘we know [it] to have been a bantling of Mr Staunton’s’

211 *trumpery*, &c] HOLT suggests that without this episode ‘there would have been no manifest reason why the assassins should not immediately, on their appearance, enter the cave and perpetrate their villainy, which if they had, the stage must have stood still during that time, and which this “trumpery” alone totally prevents, as it diverts them from their main design, and yet keeps the scene busy, and shows Shakespeare perfectly understood the *jeu du théâtre*’

212 *stale*] STEEVENS A word in fowling, used for a *bait* or *decoy* to catch birds —W. A WRIGHT See Markham's *Hunger's Preuention* (1621), p. 28. ‘In the very hearte or midst of the haunte you shall first pinne downe a stale, which should be a liue foule formerly taken, of the same kinde which they are that now haunt the place, and for which you now lay’

Pro A Deuill, a borne-Deuill, on whose nature 213
 Nurture can neuer sticke on whom my paines
 Humanely taken, all, all loft, quite loft, 215
 And, as with age, his body oughier growes,
 So his minde cankers · I will plague them all,
 Euen to roaring . Come, hang on them this line. 218

213 *on*] *in* so quoted, Abbott, § 476

215 *all, all*] *are all* Han Dyce II, III
all are Walker, Ktly, Huds

218 *on them*] *them on* Rowe et seq
 [Prospero remains invisible
 Theob

213 This line ABBOTT, § 476, would scan by contracting only the first 'devil' into *de'ul*, then by prolonging the *o* sound of 'born,' gain sufficient time to let the ictus fall on the first syllable of 'devil'

215 *all, all*] To me this is exactly right, and any change worse than needless —
 ED

217 *cankers*] MALONE Lord Essex, in an hour of discontent, said of Queen Elizabeth 'that she grew old and canker'd, and that her mind was become as crooked as her carcase',—a speech, which according to Sir Walter Raleigh, cost him his head

218 *line*] HUNTER (*Disquisition*, &c p 57) If you look for the word 'line-grove' in any Verbal Index to Shakespeare you will not find it, for the modern editors, in their discretion, have chosen to alter the line in which it occurs, and we now read, 'In the *lime-grove* which weather-fends your cell', an alteration this, you will say, of no great pith or moment, but observe the effect of it When Prospero says to Ariel, 'Come, hang them on this line,' he means on one of the line trees near his cell, which could hardly have been mistaken, if the word of the original copies, *lime grove*, had been allowed to keep its place But the ear having been long familiar to *lime-grove*, the word suggested not the branches of the tree so called, but a *cord line*, and accordingly, when the play is presented, such a line is actually drawn across the stage, and the glittering apparel is hung upon it Anything more remote from poetry than this can scarcely be imagined There ensues some clumsy joking about the 'line' among the clowns as they steal through the line-grove with murderous intent The jests are worthless, suited to the clownish character of the clowns who utter them

I introduce them only to observe that they all refer to the line trees, and not (*proh pudor*!) to a clothes-line —The line tree and the lime tree are the same The change has been made because the latter is now the more usual appellation, but as late as Elisha Cole the other was the more familiar term 'line tree, *titha*, a tall tree, with broad leaves and fine flowers' The *linden* is a more refined appellation Shakespeare was probably led to form the grove of this particular tree by what he had observed of the use of it in the neighborhood of London 'The female line,' says Gerard, 'or linden tree, waxeth very great and thick, spreading forth her branches wide and far abroad, being a tree which yieldeth a most pleasant shadow, under and within whose boughs may be made brave summer-houses, and banquetting arbours' We may imagine in a grove of trees such as these, alcoves and bowers of delight in harmony with the young and lovely Miranda —KNIGHT says that after a careful examination he is convinced that the players are right in stretching up a clothes-line · and owes Hunter's interpretation for the following reasons First, on the score of

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printing, nowhere here is 'line' spelt with a capital or in Italics, as it would be were a tree indicated. On the contrary, where the tree is meant, as in line 14 of the next Act, it is spelt '*Line-groue*'. Secondly, Hunter gives no example of 'line' used without the adjunct of tree or grove. In the quotation from Gerarde the word *tree* belongs as much to *line* as to *linden*. Thirdly, the 'clumsy joking' of the clowns about 'losing your hair' and 'bald jerkin' is not 'worthless' as far as concerns an explanation of the meaning of 'line'. Steevens has observed (see *post*) that clothes-lines were usually made of hair. They were especially so made in Shakespeare's day, says Knight. 'In a wood-cut of twelve distinct figures of trades and callings of the time of James I (see Smith's *Cries of London*, p. 15) we have the cry of "*Buy a hair-line*!" The "clumsy joking" would be intelligible to an audience accustomed to a *hair-line*. It is not intelligible, according to Hunter's assertion that the word suggested a *cord-line*'. Fourthly, Knight urges the unlikelihood that drunken clowns could have distinguished a *line tree* from an *elm tree* or a *plane tree*. The very word 'frillery' shows that they had in mind an old-clothes shop, with its clothes hung on a stretched line, whence the joke about stealing by 'line and level'. Lastly, to Hunter's assertion that scarcely anything can be more remote from poetry than *clothes-line*, Knight replies that the entire Scene where the clowns are tricked by Ariel was intended to be the antagonist of poetry, essentially ludicrous, and, to a certain extent, gross. The 'pool' through which they were hunted had nothing poetical about it, and compared with a fountain or a lake it was as the *hair-line* to the *line tree*—DYCE (*Few Notes*, &c p. 14). With all my respect for Mr Hunter's learned labours, I must confess that I think him entirely wrong in the matter of the 'line'. If no other objections could be urged against his acceptance of the word *line*, we surely have a decisive one in the joke of Stephano, 'jerkin, you are like to lose your hair,'—a joke to which it is impossible to attach any meaning unless we suppose that the *line* was a *hair-line*. In Lyly's *Midas*, a barber's apprentice facetiously says 'All my mistres' lynes that she dryes her clothes on, are made only of mustachio stuffe [i.e. of the cuttings of mustachios]' 1592.—STAUNTON also opposed Hunter. 'It is hardly possible,' he says, 'to conceive that the coarse jesting of the clowns could have been provoked by, or, indeed, would have been applicable to, any other object than the familiar *horse-hair line*, which was formerly used to hang clothes on'.—HUNTER, however, was, quite naturally, unmoved. His observations were repeated in his *New Illustrations* (i, 178), and in *A Few Words*, &c (p. 8) he replied to Dyce's objection that his interpretation did not explain Stephano's jokes. 'What "now, jerkin, you are like to lose your hair" means,' says Hunter, 'I do not quite understand, and I am sure it is not worth searching into. It probably has no positive meaning, but it certainly does not necessarily imply any connection with a clothes-line, even though it were made of twisted hair. I adhere to what I have ventured to promulgate, and still more should be disposed to maintain that when the clowns are jesting about the word "line" the passages are better explained, if any sense worth searching for is to be found in them, by referring them not to the clothes-line, but to the line trees under which they were furtively creeping to the cell where they thought to surprise Prospero in his sleep'.—Hunter's best defender is Brae, who, denouncing a clothes-line in such a scene as the 'lowest depth of barbarity,' undertakes to explain those jokes of Stephano, which proved the stumbling-blocks to the acceptance of Hunter's 'line'. BRAE (*Trans of Royal Soc Lit 2d Ser* vol. x, Pt. iii, p. 466) trusts a good deal to Stephano's calling as a butler, and

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when Knight asks how such drunken fellows could have distinguished one tree from another, Brae replies, 'What more obvious than that in full summer the delicious shade and fragrance of the lime would make it the resort of the *al fresco* symposium, and that the butler would often be required to bring flasks and goblets to the line. Hence he would hail it as an old and familiar acquaintance, of which the seat beneath [where Ferdinand and Miranda watched the masque] would instantly remind him.' 'There is one peculiarity,' continues Brae, 'in Stephano's recognition which has not been adverted to,—his addressing the tree as "Mistress Line", and I cannot see how the advocates for the clothes line—unless by some metempsychosis of a laundry-maid—are to explain this salutation if addressed to *their* object. But to the tree its application is easily explained, it is an allusion to Philyra, a nymph as inseparably associated with the line, or tilia, as Daphne is with the laurel.' This, too, Stephano had learned in his capacity of butler, he had 'doubtless' often overheard the story of Mistress Line discussed beneath the fragrant shade of her branches, and without understanding the classical story might have merely learned to imitate his betters in calling the tree 'Mistress line.' To Knight's objection that *tree* is always an adjunct of *line*, Brae cites Holinshed, who, in his chapter on 'Woods and Marishes,' says 'We are not without the plane, the yew, the sorfe, the chestnut, the *lime*, the black cherrie, and such like.' To Dyce's assertion that it is impossible to attach any meaning to the allusions to losing the hair and proving bald, unless we suppose the line was a hair-line, Brae opposes the explanation 'To air is to hang near the fire, or *out of doors*, to dry or freshen, and in some parts of the country the expression to take an air (scilicet, of the fire) is in common use. Now, without going into the question of the probable sameness of pronunciation in Shakespeare's time of *hair* and *air*, it is sufficient for the present purpose to observe that even supposing one of these words was then, as now, aspirated and the other not, that circumstance would be no bar to an equivocal between them by persons of Stephano's class, especially as there are examples of similar equivocals between *hair* and *hair*, and in one or two other places in Shakespeare *hair* and *air* are to this day disputed readings. Now, when Stephano perceives the rich garments hanging abroad, as it were, for an air, he says that the jerkin when taken down will lose its air, and prove, he adds—his wit just catching at the equivocal—a *bald* jerkin. So, again, 'we steal by line and level' is but mere sound,—the echo of the tree's name suggesting a familiar phrase. The humour seems to consist in the very absence of all sense and fitness as contrasted with Stephano's drunken exuberance of praise. There is another joke which, in my opinion, must be understood as a continued equivocal upon the name of the tree. Trinculo says 'put some lime upon your fingers.' But how an equivocal upon the name of the tree if we are to call it *lime*, and not *lime*? Hereupon Brae shows that '*lime*,' *viscum*, was sometimes spelled and written *lime*, and infers that Shakespeare may have intended it to be so spelled in this case. And, secondly, from many examples that 'an absolute convertibility existed between *lime* and *lime* in almost every sense to which either of these forms could be applied, so that one form might be indifferently spoken, written, and understood for the other, even in equivocal.' Lastly, Brae says 'the only explanation necessary of "now is the jerkin under the line" is that the name of the tree again suggests the echo of a familiar nautical phrase [see Nicholson's explanation, *post*], or it might be that he would have often heard the allusion applied in the same way in those *under-lime symposia* spoken of before'—[The tendency of the latest criticism is, I think, to approve of

Enter Ariel, loaden with glistring apparell, &c Enter

Caliban, Stephano, and Trinculo, all wet. 220

Cal. Pray you tread softly, that the blinde Mole may
not heare a foot fall. we now are neere his Cell

St. Monster, your Fairy, w^h you say is a harmles Fairy,
Has done little better then plaid the Iacke with vs.

Trin. Monster, I do smell all horfe-pisse, at which 225
My nose is in great indignation

Ste. So is mine. Do you heare Monster. If I should
Take a displeasure against you: Looke you.

Trin. Thou wert but a loft Monster.

Cal. Good my Lord, giue me thy fauour ftill, 230
Be patient, for the prize Ile bring thee too
Shall hudwinke this mischance therefore speake softly,
All's hush as midnight yet.

Trin. I, but to loofe our bottles in the Poole.

Ste. There is not onely disgrace and dishonor in that 235

219 Scene V Pope+

222 *heare. Cell*] One line, Rowe 11
et seq

223-228 Prose, Pope et seq

230 *Good*] *Good, good* Han Cap O
good Ktly *Nay, good* Huds

Hunter's interpretation, SINGER leans to it, HUDSON 'rather agrees with it,' and W A WRIGHT adopts it For myself, I accept it gladly, as I should any possible explanation rather than a clothes-line —ED]

219 COLLIER remarks that the stage-directions are more particular and correct in this play than, perhaps, in any other

221. blinde Mole] WARTON (*The Adventurer*, III, 38) Shakespeare seems to be the only poet who possesses the power of uniting poetry with propriety of character, of which I know not an instance more striking than the image Caliban makes use of to express silence, which is at once highly poetical, and exactly suited to the wildness of the speaker . . . I always lament that our author has not preserved this fierce and implacable spirit in Caliban, to the end of the play, instead of which he has, I think injudiciously, put into his mouth words that imply repentance and understanding — HALLIWELL See Topsell, *Hist &c* [ed 1608, p 499] 'These Moles have no eares, and yet they heare in the earth more numbly and perfectly then men can above the same, for at every step or small noise and almost breathing, they are terrified and run away'

224 the Iacke] JOHNSON. That is, he has played *Jack with the lantern*: and led us about like an *ignis fatuus*, by which travellers are decoyed into the mire. [Either the same that Caliban speaks of as 'firebrands,' II, II, 9, or, else, as W A WRIGHT explains, 'played the knave, deceived See *Much Ado*, I, I, 186,' and see 'Jack' as used by the old Nurse in *Rom & Jul* II, IV, 160, which, I think, is the better interpretation —ED]

230 Lord] DYCE Is this a dissyllable here, as it sometimes is? I think not. [ABBOTT, § 484, thinks it is]

Monster, but an infinite losse. 236

Tr That's more to me then my wetting :
Yet this is your harmlesse Fairy, Monster

Ste I will fetch off my bottle,
Though I be o're eares for my labour. 240

Cal. Pre-thee (my King) be quiet. Seest thou heere
This is the mouth o'th Cell · no noife, and enter ·
Do that good mischeefe, which may make this Island
Thine owne for euer, and I thy *Caliban*
For aye thy foot-licker. 245

Ste. Giue me thy hand,
I do begin to haue bloody thoughts.

Trin. O King *Stephano*, O Peere O worthy *Stephano*,
Looke what a wardrobe heere is for thee.

Cal. Let it alone thou foole, it is but traff. 250

Trin. Oh, ho, Monster wee know what belongs to a
frippery, O King *Stephano*

Ste. Put off that gowne (*Trinculo*) by this hand Ile
haue that gowne

Tri Thy grace fhall haue it. (meane 255

Cal. The dropfie drowne this foole, what doe you

237-240 Prose, Pope et seq

246-249 Prose, Pope et seq

240 *o're*] *o'er head* and Han Quincy
MS

256 *dropfie*] *deep sea* Wilson

243. good mischeefe] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) A grammarian must not fail to
call attention to poor Caliban's *Oxymoron*

244 I] For other examples of 'I' used for *me*, see ABBOTT, § 209

248 King . . . Peere] WARBURTON · The humour of this consists in the allusion
to the old ballad of 'King Stephen was a worthy peer,' which celebrates that king's
parsimony with regard to his 'wardrobe' [The ballad as it appears in Percy's *Folio
Manuscript* is given in the note on *Othello*, II, II, 106 of this edition The version
as it appears in Percy's *Reliques* (i, 174, ed 1765) has the following stanza ·

' King Stephen was a worthy peere,
His breeches cost him but a crowne,
He held them sixpence all too deere,
Therefore he calld the taylor Lowne ']

252. frippery] STEEVENS A shop where old clothes were sold The person
who kept one of these shops was called a *fripper* Strype, in his *Life of Stowe*, says,
that these *frippers* lived in Birchin Lane and Cornhill [Cotgrave '*Friperie* · f A
frizene; Brokers shop, street of Brokers, or of Fripers' And '*Friper* m. A

To doate thus on fuch luggage ? let's alone 257
 And doe the murther first if he awake,
 From toe to crowne hee'l fill our skins with pinches,
 Make vs strange stuffe 260

Ste Be you quiet (Monfter) Mistris line, is not this

-257 *let's alone*] *let's along* Theob 1, m, Hal Wh n
 Warb Johns Cap Steev Coll n, Ktly, 259 *toe*] *too* F₂
 Clke, Dyce n, m, Huds *let it alone* 260 *stuffe*] *stuff*—Ktly.
 Han Mal Var *let't alone* Rann, Coll

Friper, or broker, a mender, or trimmer vp of old garments, and a seller of them so mended']

257 *To doate*] The gerund, for *by doating*

257 *let's alone*] STEEVENS This may mean 'let you and I only go to commit the murder, leaving Trinculo, who is so solicitous about the *trash* of dress, behind us' ['A preposterous suggestion'—DYCE]—MALONE justifies his text by remarking that 'Caliban had used the same expression before,'—'the very reason,' says Dyce '(as will be evident to any one who carefully compares the two passages), why it should not be repeated here' 'Has none of the commentators then,' Dyce (*Few Notes*, p 15) goes on to ask, 'been led by the words, "And do the murder first," to the lection obviously required in what immediately precedes? Yes, Theobald's sagacity did not forsake him here, but his certain emendation is now only to be found among the rubbish of the *Variorum Shakespeare*, in a very foolish note by Malone, which concludes with, "Mr Theobald reads—"Let's along"!' [Theobald has no note on the subject]—KNIGHT [Hanmer's text] is good enough and probable—COLLIER (ed 1) In the original manuscript it probably stood 'Let 't alone', an abbreviation for the sake of the verse—STAUNTON in a note on 'Alone, alone' (*Love's L L* IV, m, 384) refers to the present lection in *The Tempest*, and to another instance of it in Beau & Fl's *Loyal Subject*, III, v, p 68, ed Dyce, where, with the sense of *along*, it is spelled 'alone,' and that it cannot be a misprint is proved by its rhyming with 'gone' Here, in *The Tempest*, Staunton says of Theobald's *along* that, 'if "alone" was not sometimes used in the same sense, it is undoubtedly the right word'—GRANT WHITE (ed 1) does not find Steevens's note as preposterous as Dyce finds it, he pronounces the meaning 'Let us do the murder alone, without the Fool's aid,' 'obvious and appropriate'—W A. WRIGHT If the reading of the Folio be the true one, it must be explained by supposing the verb of motion omitted, as in *Macb* IV, m, 136 'Now, we'll together' It would then be addressed to Stephano only [A verb of motion is equally required whether we read *alone* or *along* If Caliban's idea is 'let us go all by ourselves without the fool and do the murder,' I see no necessity for the word 'first'; but 'first' is important if he wishes to hurry Stephano along to do the murder, and *then* come back for the luggage Therefore, I think, that in view of Staunton's examples, 'alone' and *along* were probably so nearly alike in pronunciation as to be almost interchangeable, the sense of the context, therefore, can alone be our guide Here I think, it is in favour of *along*—ED]

260 *stuffe*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*). If you persist in stopping to appropriate this 'trash,' he will pinch our *skins* black and blue, and thus make *us* into a 'stuff' as strange in one way as the variegated stuffs appear to you in another

my Ierkin? now is the Ierkin vnder the line now Ier- 262
kin you are like to lose your haire, & proue a bald Ierkin

Trin. Doe, doe, we steale by lyne and leuell, and't
like your grace. 265

Ste. I thank thee for that iest, heer's a garment for't
Wit fhall not goe vn-rewarded while I am King of this
Country Steale by line and leuell, is an excellent passe
of pate: there's another garment for't

Tri Monster, come put some Lime vpon your fin- 270
gers, and away with the rest

Cal I will haue none on't: we fhall loose our time, 272

264 *and't*] *an't* Cap Knt et seq

272 *none*] *done* F.

262 *vnder the line*] STEEVENS 'An allusion to what often happens to people who pass the line. The violent fevers which they contract in that hot climate make them lose their hair.'—*Edwards's MSS* As a further elucidation it may be observed that the lines on which clothes are hung are usually made of twisted horse-hair — BR NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 3d S v, 49, 1864) The meaning is the jerkin is put as were the stakes at tennis, and so could be taken by the winner See Flono's *Second Frutes*, ch 2, p 25 'T Let vs keepe the lawes of the court G That is, stake money vnder the line (*sotto la corda*), is it not so? T Yea sir, you hitt it right H Here is my monie, now stake you'—Whereupon W A WRIGHT remarks that 'the phrase may have another meaning, derived from the same game,' and adds 'In Heywood's *Proverbs and Epigrams* (Spenser Soc p 35) we find "Thou hast stricken the ball vnder the lyne," meaning, "Thou hast lost"' [See also Brae's explanation, above—DEIGHTON's explanation is also ingenious, that Stephano says this 'as he tucks the jerkin under his belt']—STAUNTON (*Athenaeum*, 16 Nov 1872) quotes from a small tract called *Groans from Newgate*, or, *An Elegy upon Edward Dun, Esq, the Cities Common Hangman, who Dyed Naturally in his Bed, the 11th of September, 1663*, &c the following concluding lines 'It was (oh, Death!) an unjust thing, Thou should'st deny him his own swing, Sure, sure, thou hadst some great designe, Or else thou 'adst took him *under-line*' 'The last words,' says Staunton, 'show conclusively that although Stephano may have alluded, as has been generally surmised, to the loss of hair common to those who visit hot climates, it was not a tree but a cord on which the clothes were suspended, for *under the line* was plainly a slang phrase, like "a Tyburn tippet," "a horse's nightcap," "the sheriff's picture-frame," and other popular sayings of the time, to signify the punishment of hanging by the neck' [Staunton's date, 1663, is rather late, but, still, slang phrases have an enduring vitality, and, overlooking this small flaw, the explanation seems to be the best that has yet been offered—ED]

264 *Doe, doe*] Rev JOHN HUNTER: This is said in approval of Stephano's punning, being an abbreviation of *That will do* [This explanation is doubtful, but to propose a better one (unless it be that it refers to Stephano's 'Be you quiet') demands more dramatic instinct than has been bestowed on the present ED]

268, 269 *passe of pate*] W A WRIGHT That is, witty sally

270 *Lime*] JOHNSON That is, bird-lime

And all be turn'd to Barnacles, or to Apes

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273 or to] or Pope+, Dyce II, III

273 Barnacles] COLLINS 'There are,' says Gerarde, in his *Herbal*, 1597, p 1391, 'in the north parts of Scotland certaine trees, whereon doe growe certaine shell-fishes, which falling into the water, doe become foules, whom we call Barnakles, in the north of England Brant Geese, and in Lancashire tree Geese,' &c Commend me, however, to Holinshed (vol 1, p 38), who declares himself to have seen the feathers of these 'barnacles' 'hang out of the shell at least two inches' And the same account of their generation is given in Drayton's *Polyolbion*, 27th Song [*ad fin* in the account of *Furnesse* For the pardonable error of mistaking Holinshed for Harrison, Collins was taken severely to task by DOUCE (1, 23), who presumed that the note, just given, would 'not be thought worth retaining in any future edition,' and who accused Collins of making 'Gerarde responsible for an opinion not his own' As Collins quoted Gerarde's exact words, it is difficult to understand why, as W A Wright says, Douce should make this charge, furthermore, in his zeal to vindicate Harrison, Douce asserts that 'the fish barnacle, or *Lepas anatifera*, is undoubtedly furnished with a feathered beard' The rest of Douce's note is good 'The real absurdity was the credulity of Gerarde and Harrison in supposing that the barnacle goose was really produced from the shell of the fish Dr Bullein not only believed this himself, but bestows the epithets "ignorant" and "incredulous" on those who did not, and in the same breath he maintains that chrystal is nothing more than ice See his *Bulwarke of Defence*, &c 1562, f 12 Caliban's "barnacle" is the *clakis* or tree-geese Every kind of information on the subject may be found in the *Physica Curiosa* of Jasper Schot, the Jesuit, who, with great industry, has collected from a multitude of authors whatever they had written concerning it See lib 1v, c 22 The works of Pennant and Bewick will supply every deficiency with respect to *rational* knowledge'—W A WRIGHT supplements Collins's extract from Gerarde as follows. Gerarde then goes on to tell what he had himself seen in 'a small Ilande in Lancashire called the Pile of Fouldres,' where branches of trees were cast ashore, 'whereon is found a certaine spume or froth, that in time breedeth vnto certaine shels, in shape like those of the muskle, but sharper pointed, and of a whitish colour' In process of time the thing contained in these shells 'falleth into the sea, where it gathereth feathers, and groweth to a foule, bigger then a Mallard, and lesser then a Goose; hauing blacke legs and bill or beake, and feathers blacke and white, spotted in such manner as is our Magge-Pie, called in some places a Pie-Annet, which the people of Lancashire call by no other name then a tree Goose, which place aforesaide, and all those parts adioining, do so much abound therewith, that one of the best is bought for three pence for the truth heerof, if any doubt, may it please them to repaire vnto me, and I shall satisfie them by the testimonie of good witnesses'—[Harrison's description is, I think, the best (Holinshed, 1, 38, 1586), it bears an earnest air of scientific investigation 'I haue benee verie desirous to vnderstand the vttermost of the breeding of barnacles, & questioned with diuers persons about the same I haue red also whatsoeuer is written by foren authors touching the generation of that foule, & sought out some places where I haue been assured to see great numbers of them but in vaine Wherefore I vtterlie despaired to obtaine my purpose, till this present yeare of Grace, 1584, and moneth of Maie' He then goes on to say that he saw some ships in the Thames, lately arrived beyond seas, on whose sides he perceived 'an infinit sort of

With foreheads villanous low

Ste Monster, lay to your fingers · helpe to beare this 275
away, where my hoghead of wine is, or Ile turne you
out of my kingdome goe to, carry this.

Tri. And this.

Ste. I, and this.

A noyse of Hunters heard. Enter diuers Spirits in shape 280
of Dogs and Hounds, hunting them about: Prospero
and Ariel setting them on

Pro. Hey Mountaine, hey. 283

281 Dogs and] Om Rowe et seq
Prospero] Prosper F₃F₄

282 [Calib Steph and Trinc driven
out roaring Theob

'hels,' and having obtained ten or twelve of the largest he found in one of them 'the proportion of a foule more perfectlie than in all the rest, sauing that the head was not yet formed, because the fresh water had killed them all (as I take it) and thereby hindered their perfection Certainlie the feathers of the taile hoong out of the shell at least two inches, the wings (almost perfect touching forme) were garded with two shels or sheeldes proportioned like the selfe wings, and likewise the brestbone had hir couerture also of the shellie substance, and altogether resembling the figure which *Lobell* and *Pena* doo giue forth in their description of this foule so that I am now fullie persuaded that it is either the barnacle that is ingendred after one maner in these shels, or some other sea-foule to vs as yet vnknown For by the feathers appearing and forme so apparant, it cannot be denied, but that some bird or other must proceed of this substance, which by falling from the sides of the ships in long voiajes, may come to some perfection' In the same volume of Holmshed, in the Description of Scotland by Hector Boetius, there is an account (p 17), highly circumstantial, of a tree cast up by the sea which was 'worm-eaten and full of yong geese'—HALLIWELL gives a list of authorities on this subject and an illustration An entertaining account is given by MAX MÜLLER (*Lectures on the Science of Language*, II, 552, Am ed) of what he supposes to have been the origin of this myth He shows that the shells were regularly and properly called *bernacula*, and that Barnacle geese were caught in Ireland, which were eaten by the priests in Lent, owing to the belief that these geese were not birds, but shell-fish, that this belief was readily adopted in France, where (so Prof Müller assumes) these geese were called *Hibernacula*, and if the first syllable were dropped they would be called *Bernacula*, which is so closely allied with *Bernacula* that the two were supposed to be one and the same, and that hence arose the myth As this name for the geese, *Hibernacula*, could arise only out of Ireland, this theory of Prof Müller's does not account for the existence of the myth in Ireland before it appears to have spread to France, and where the geese were called, according to Giraldu Cambrensis, not the diminutive *Bernacula*, but *Bernaca* However, the story is entertaining, and a discussion, in these pages, barren until it can be determined with assurance into which of the two Caliban was in dread of being turned, into the crustacean or into the goose—ED

274 foreheads] STEEVENS Low foreheads were anciently reckoned among deformities See *Ant & Cleop* III, III, 35.

Arr. *Siluer* · there it goes, *Siluer*

Pro. Fury, Fury . there Tyrant, there : harke, harke. 285
Goe, charge my Goblins that they grinde their ioyns
With dry Convulsions, fhorten vp their sinewes
With aged Cramps, & more pinch-spotted make them,
Then Pard, or Cat o'Mountaine.

Arr. Harke, they rore 290

Pro Let them be hunted foundly : At this houre
Lies at my mercy all mine enemies
Shortly shall all my labours end, and thou
Shalt haue the ayre at freedome · for a little
Follow, and doe me seruice. *Exeunt* 295

Actus quintus : Scæna Prima

Enter Prospero (in his Magicke robes) and Ariel.

Pro. Now do's my Proiect gather to a head ·
My charmes cracke not : my Spirits obey, and Time 4

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| 285 <i>Fury,</i>] <i>Hey, Fury,</i> Ktly | 292 <i>Lies</i>] Ff, Jeph Wrt, Rife, Dtn |
| 286 <i>that they</i>] <i>that thou F.</i> | <i>Lye</i> Rowe et cet |
| 287 <i>dry</i>] <i>wry</i> Warb conj (Nichols, | 2 Before the Cell Theob |
| h, p 247) Wilson | 4 <i>cracke</i>] <i>breake</i> Wilson |
| 288 <i>aged</i>] <i>agued</i> Wilson | |

286 *grinde*] The subjunctive, see I, ii, 528

287, &c *Convulsions* . . . *Cramps*, &c] BUCKNILL (p. 58) The punishments here inflicted are half-medical, half-magical, and certainly do not represent a scientific description of aguish disease

289 *Cat o'Mountaine*] W A WRIGHT Topsell [p 577] says, 'The greatest therefore they call Panthers, as Bellunensis writeth The second they call Pardals, and the third least of all, they call *Leopards*, which for the same cause in England is called a Cat of the Mountain' . . . It was probably one of the smaller varieties of the leopard, and the name was not strictly confined to one animal. In *The Merry Wives*, II, ii, 27, Falstaff reproaches Pistol with his 'cat-a mountain looks'

292 *Lies*] For a similar singular, see I, i, 24.

4. *cracke*] It is not easy exactly to define the use of this word here ALLEN thinks it refers to magic bands, Prospero afterwards says 'my charmes I'll *break*,' and further on tells Ariel to '*untie* the spell' around Caliban, that Shakespeare applies the word 'crack' to strings, is seen in this play where Ferdinand says 'I had rather crack my sinews,' and in *Lear*, V, iii, 216. 'the strings of life Begin to crack' —W A. WRIGHT defines its present use as 'without a flaw' There may be even

Go's vpright with his carriage: how's the day? 5

Ar. On the sixt hower, at which time, my Lord
You said our worke should cease.

Pro I did say so,
When first I rais'd the Tempest: say my Spirit,
How fares the King, and's followers? 10

Ar Confin'd together
In the same fashion, as you gaue in charge,
Iust as you left them; all prisoners Sir
In the *Line-groue* which weather-fends your Cell,
They cannot boudge till your release. The King, 15
His Brother, and yours, abide all three distracted,
And the remainder mourning ouer them, 17

10 *fares*] *fare* Cap conj
and's] *and* his Cap Steev '85,
Mal Var Hal Sing Ktly
and's followers?] *and* his? Steev

'93
11 *together*] Om Pope +
13 *them* Sw] *them, sir, all prisoners*
Reed '03, '13, Var '21

13 *all*] *all your* Pope, Theob Han
Warb Cap *all are* Coll 11, 111 (M^b)
Ktly, Dyce 11, 111

14 *Line-groue*] Ff, Coll Sing Wh
Dyce, Cam Glo Clke, Wrt, Rife *Lime*
grove Rowe et cet

15 *your*] *you* F₃F₄, Rowe 1, Johns
Hal Sing

a third interpretation, as containing a reference to the crucibles and alembics of magicians, of this DEIGHTON has an adumbration in surmising that it refers to 'a pitcher or dish which is not cracked'—ED

4 *Time*] WARBURTON Time is usually represented as an old man bending under his load He is here painted as in great vigour, and walking upright to denote that things went prosperously on

10, 11 These two lines must be accepted as metrical in themselves, without attempting, in order to make one line, to pen them within the limits of a certain number of syllables In the attempt to force them into one line STEEVENS discards 'followers' under the convenient plea that it is 'evidently a gloss', and it is doubtful if the treatment suggested by ABBOTT be not quite as violent, under the section on *Dropped Prefixes* (§ 460) the latter, after remarking that 'Sometimes, perhaps, the prefix, though written, ought scarcely to be pronounced,' thus scans the line 'How fares | the king | and's follow | ers? (Con) | fined | together'

13. The Textual Notes will show the attempts that have been made to render this line metrical, of them all, REED's is to be preferred, I think, as the simplest, it involves no other change than a transposition of words ABBOTT, § 484, would make both 'all' and 'prisoners' dissyllables Reed's change has been overlooked not only by Collier and Dyce, but by the Cam Edd

14. *Line-groue*] See IV, 1, 218

16. *Brother*] WALKER (*Vers.* 108) cites this as a possible instance of the contraction of this word into a monosyllable, like *wh'er* for *whether*, or *e'en* for *even*. The dialect of the Southern negroes makes such a contraction familiar albeit comic.—ED

Brim full of sorrow, and dismay · but chiefly 18
 Him that you term'd Sir, the good old Lord *Gonzallo*,
 His teares runs downe his beard like winters drops 20
 From eaves of reeds: your charm so strongly works 'em
 That if you now beheld them, your affections
 Would become tender

Pro. Dost thou thinke so, Spirit?

Ar Mine would, Sir, were I humane 25

Pro And mine shall.

Hast thou (which art but aire) a touch, a feeling
 Of their afflictions, and shall not my selfe,
 One of their kinde, that relish all as sharply,
 Passion as they, be kindlier mov'd then thou art? 30
 Thogh with their high wrongs I am strook to th' quick,
 Yet, with my nobler reason, gainst my furie
 Doe I take part: the rarer Action is
 In vertue, then in vengeance · they, being penitent,
 The sole drift of my purpose doth extend 35
 Not a frowne further · Goe, release them *Ariell*,

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| 18, 19 <i>Brim Him</i>] One line, Mal | 21 'em] <i>them</i> Steev '93, Var Knt, |
| 19 <i>Him</i>] <i>He</i> Han Huds | Coll Wh 1, Ktly |
| <i>that you</i>] <i>you</i> Steev '93, Var | 29, 30 <i>sharply, Passion</i>] <i>sharply</i> |
| <i>Sir</i>] Om Pope+, Coll 11, 111 (Ms), | <i>Passion</i> F ₃ F ₄ , Rowe, Hal Wh Dyce, |
| Huds | Rlfe <i>sharply</i> <i>Passion'd</i> Pope <i>sharply</i> , |
| 20 <i>teares runs</i>] <i>teares run</i> Ff et | <i>Passion'd</i> Han |
| seq | 31 <i>Thogh</i>] F ₁ |
| <i>winters drops</i>] <i>Winter drops</i> F ₄ , | 32 <i>gainst</i>] <i>against</i> F ₃ F ₄ , Rowe 1 |
| Rowe+, Cap Steev '85, Dyce, Huds | 33, 34 <i>Action vertue</i>] <i>virtue par-</i> |
| 21 <i>reeds</i>] <i>reed</i> Cap conj | <i>don</i> Daniel |

19 *Him that*] 'Him' is here for *he*, in II, 1, 32 we have 'he' for *him* See ABBOTT, § 208, if need be

29 all] HOLT · The meaning here is either 'he relish'd all Passion as sharply' or 'he relish'd Passion all (i e full) as sharply as,' &c [In this latter adverbial sense, which is assuredly correct, WALKER (*Crit* 111, 6) also understands it; he calls attention to the corresponding phrase in Dryden's Version. 'who as sharply relish passion as they,' &c]—DYCE The earlier Folios have, in opposition to the sense, a comma after 'sharply'

30 *Passion*] THEOBALD That is, feel the force of passion; am mov'd by it. So in *Two Gent* IV, 11, 172 'twas Ariadne passioning For Theseus' perjury,' and in *Ven and Ad* 1059 'Dumbly she passions,' &c

34-36 CAPELL thus punctuates and amends these lines 'they being penitent, The sole drift of my purpose, *wrath* doth end, Not a frown further' and also gives us this note, whereof the self-complacency, at least, is intelligible 'He must have very unworthy notions of Shakespeare who can look on [me 35, "The sole drift," &c]

My Charmes Ile breake, their fences Ile reftore, 37
And they fhall be themfelues.

Ar Ile fetch them, Sir. *Exit.*

Pro. Ye Elues of hils, brooks, ftāding lakes & groues, 40
And ye, that on the fands with printleffe foote
Doe chafe the ebbing-*Neptune*, and doe flie him
When he comes backe: you demy-Puppets, that 43

39 *them*] *thim* F₃

39 Scene II Pope+

in its old reading, and without stop anywhere, and then ascribe it to him *purpose* (nay, and the *drift of purpose*, too) *extending a frown*, is an idea for Bedlam, and we were certainly help'd to 't by some amender who felt a breach in the measure, and lengthen'd "*end*" to *extend* in way of cure for it, that administer'd here [1 e Capell's own emendation] will scarce be objected to, the term is every way pertinent, and, by that, and the punctuation, the whole passage is now of simplest construction, and has a clearness that makes explaining unnecessary' Of course the meaning of the Folio text, in which no one but Capell has ever found any difficulty, is that Prospero's anger does not extend as much as a frown beyond their penitence The Cam Edd in recording this reading as 'Anon apud Rann' overlooked the fact that it is Capell's text — ED 40, 43 *Ye . . . you*] These seem to be used here indiscriminately, says ABBOTT, § 236 See I, II, 382

40, &c WARBURTON Shakespeare borrowed this speech from Medea's in Ovid. — HOLT This beautiful incantation has shown beyond contradiction that Shakespeare was perfectly acquainted with the sentiments of the ancients on the subject of enchantments Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, VII, 197–206, were his foundation, but he varied his plan with masterly judgement — FARMER (p 45) It happens, however, that the translation by Arthur Golding is by no means literal, and Shakespeare hath closely followed it — MALONE Shakespeare evidently copied the translation, and not the original [The following is from the edition of 1567, p 83, *verso*]

Ye Ayres and windes . ye Elues of Hilles, of Brookes, of Woods alone,
Of standing Lakes, and of the Night approche ye euerychone
Through helpe of whom (the crooked bankes much wondring at the thing)
I haue compelled streames to run cleane backward to their spring
By charmes I make the calme Seas rough, & make y^e rough Seas plaine
And couer all the Skie with Cloudes and chase them thence againe
By charmes I raise and lay the windes, and burst the Vipers iaw
And from the bowels of the Earth both stones and trees doe draw
Whole woods and Forestes I remoue . I make the Mountaines shake,
And euen the Earth it selfe to grone and fearefully to quake
I call vp dead men from their graues . and thee O lightsome Moone }
I darken oft, though beaten brasse abate thy perill soone }
Our Sorcerie dimmes the Morning faire, and darkes y^e Sun at Noone }
The flaming breath of fierie Bulles ye quenched for my sake
And caused their vnwioldie neckes the bended yoke to take
Among the Earthbred brothers you a mortall war did set
And brought a sleepe the Dragon fell whose eyes were neuer shet'—

By Moore-shine doe the greene fowre Ringlets make, 44

MAGINN (*Fraser's Magazine* Oct 1839) Shakespeare was perfectly acquainted with the difference between the enchantments of the ancients and those which were suitable to the character of his Prospero. Golding, indeed, mistook his author, when he translated 'Montesque, amnesque, lacusque, Dique omnes nemorum, dique omnes noctis adeste,' by 'ye *elves* of hills, of brooks, and woods *alone*, of standing lakes, and of the night', for the deities invoked by Medea were anything but what, in our language, attaches to the idea of *elves*, while the epithet *alone*, though, perhaps, defensible, is intruded without sufficient warrant into the translation. But what was unsuitable for Ovid was perfectly suitable for Shakespeare, and accordingly he had no scruple of borrowing a few words of romantic appeal to the tiny deities of fairy superstition. The lines immediately following 'Ye ayres and winds,' &c, address the powers, which with printless foot, dance upon the sands, which, by moonshine, tirm the green, sour ringlets, not touched by the ewe, which make midnight mushrooms for pastime, which rejoice to hear the solemn curfew, and not one of these things is connected with the notions of aerial habitants of wood or stream in classical days. When Shakespeare returns to Ovid he is very little indebted to Golding. We find, indeed, that Prospero boasts of having 'bedimmed the noontide sun,' which resembles Golding's 'Our sorcerie *dims* the morning fair, and darks the sun at noone'. But the analogous passage in Ovid would have been, in its literal state, of no use to Prospero. 'Currus quoque carmine nostro Pallet *avis*'. With this obligation, however, the compliment due to Golding ceases. *Ope quorum* 'Through *help* of whom'—Golding 'By whose *aid*'—Shakespeare *Vivaque saxa, sua convulsaque robora terra, et silvas moveo* 'And from the bowels of the earth both stones and *trees* do *draw*'—Golding 'Rifted Jove's stout *oak* (robora) with his own bolt; and by the spurs *plucked up* (sua convulsa terra), the pine and cedar'—Shakespeare *Manesque exire sepulcris*. 'I call up dead men from their graves'—Golding 'Graves, at my command, have wak'd their sleepers, oped and let them forth'—Shakespeare. Ovid has contributed to the invocation of Prospero at least as much as Golding.

41 *ye, that*] See II, ii, 12

41 *printlesse foote*] STEEVENS See Milton, *Comus*, 897 'Whilst from off the waters fleet Thus I set my printless feet'—HALLIWELL Compare *Ven & Ad* 148 'Dance on the sands and yet no footing seen'

43 *demy-Puppets*] There must have been some reason for the use of 'demy,' but what it is I cannot say. To translate it as Schmidt does, and define it as 'half-a-puppet,' is merely what Dr Johnson would call 'motion without progression'. In Drayton's *Moon-calf*, ed 1748, p 177, we find, 'Other, like beasts, yet had the feet of owls, That demi-urchins were, or demi-owls'—ED.

44 *greene sowre Ringlets*] GREY (p 35) 'Ringlets of grass are very common in meadows, which are higher, sourer, and of a deeper green than the grass that grows around them, and by the common people are usually call'd *fairy circles*—DOUCE Though a real or supposed acidity in this kind of grass will certainly warrant the use of 'sour,' it is not improbable that Shakespeare might have written *green-sward* [So also Collier's MS]—HUNTER (*Disquisition*, &c. p 132) The compound *green-sour* has been invented by the modern editors. I believe no other instance of such a compound is to be collected from any other writer [See Halliwell's note] I would propose 'By moon-shine *on* the green, sour ringlets make' Or if we suppose *on* to be elided 'By moon-shine d' on the green, sour ringlets

Whereof the Ewe not bites and you, whose pastime 45
 Is to make midnight-Mushrumps, that reioyce
 To heare the solemne Curfewe, by whose ayde
 (Weake Masters though ye be) I haue bedymn'd
 The Noone-tide Sun, call'd forth the mutenous windes,
 And twixt the greene Sea, and the azur'd vault 50

46 *Mushrumps*] *Mushrooms* F₃F₄

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48 *Masters*] *ministers* Han *motives*

50 *azur'd*] *azure* Walker, Huds

make' But I should prefer the former were it not too obvious —KNIGHT Why cannot we be content to retain the *double* epithet of the Folio? We know that the ringlets are on the green sward, and on the green, but the poet, by using the epithet 'green,' marks the intensity of their colour They are greener than the green about them That they are 'sour' he explains by 'Whereof the ewe not bites' No description could be more accurate of what we still call fairy-rings —HALLIWELL The compound epithet 'green-sour' is exactly in Shakespeare's manner, like another one, 'white-cold' [IV, 1, 63] There is surely no necessity for any alteration of the original text [DYCE (ed 1) expresses his agreement with Halliwell and speaks for all of us For the Folk-lore in regard to these Ringlets see Brand's *Popular Antiquities* (II, 480, ed Bohn), where also certain theories to account for their origin may be found, such as that they were due to thunder-bolts, to moles, and finally to a species of mushroom —ED]

45 not bites] See II, 1, 122 RUSHTON (*Sh Illust by Old Authors*, I, 41) 'Your misplacing and preposterous placing is not all one in behaviour of language, for the misplacing is alwaies intollerable, but the preposterous is a pardonable fault, and many times giues a pretie grace vnto the speech We call it by a common saying, to *set the carte before the horse*, and it may be done, eyther by a single word or by a clause of speech by a single word thus *And if I not performe, God let me never thrue* For performe not and this vice is sometimes tollerable inough, but if the word carry away notable sence, it is a vice not tollerable, as he that said, praising a woman for her red lippes, thus *A corall lippe of hew* Which is no good speech,' &c —Puttenham, *Arte of English Poetrie*, III, cap. 22 [p 262, ed. Arber]

46 *Mushrumps*] HALLIWELL gives several instances of this spelling from Beau & Fl, Marlowe, Southwell, Speed's *History*, and Day, and W A WRIGHT adds another from Lily

48 *Weake Masters*] STEEVENS Though you are but inferior masters of these supernatural powers, though you possess them but in a low degree —BLACKSTONE That is, ye are powerful auxiliaries, but weak if left to yourselves; your employment is then to make green ringlets and midnight mushrooms, and to play the idle pranks mentioned by Ariel in his next song, yet by your aid I have been enabled to invert the course of nature. We say, proverbially, 'Fire is a good servant, but a bad master' [In this note I am afraid His Honor's proverb somewhat allays the good precedence, 'master' is not, I think, used in quite the same sense both in the proverb and in our text, where it means merely weak proficient, weak adepts, and the sense would be logically as good were it even omitted —ED]

50 *azur'd* Just as in 'your *sedg'd* crew', IV, 1, 145, WALKER conjectured *sedge*, & here he conjectures *azure* (*Crit* II, 59 and III, 7), although doubtfully,

Set roaring warre. To the dread rattling Thunder 51
 Haue I giuen fire, and rifted *Ioues* stowt Oke
 With his owne Bolt The strong baf's'd promontorie
 Haue I made shake, and by the spurs pluckt vp
 The Pyne, and Cedar. Graues at my command 55
 Haue wak'd their sleepers, op'd, and let 'em forth
 By my so potent Art But this rough Magicke
 I heere abiure and when I haue requir'd
 Some heauenly Muficke (which euen now I do)
 To worke mine end vpon their Sences, that 60
 This Ayrie-charme is for, I'le breake my staffe,
 Bury it certaine fadomes in the earth, 62

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| 53 <i>strong baf's'd</i>] | <i>strong bas'd</i> Rowe | Theob et cet |
| 56 <i>Haue forth</i>] | <i>Haue open'd, and</i> | 61 <i>is for</i>] <i>has frail'd</i> Warb. |
| <i>let forth their sleepers, wak'd</i> Warb | | 62 <i>Bury fadomes</i>] <i>Bury't a certain</i> |
| <i>'em</i>] Ff, Rowe, Pope, Han Wh | | <i>fadom</i> Warb |
| Dyce, Cam Glo Jeph Rlfe, Huds <i>them</i> | | <i>fadomes</i>] <i>fathoms</i> Cap |

he finds '*azur'd* veins' in Sidney's *Arcadia*, II, 142, line 14. The list of instances, where final *d* and final *e* are confounded, which Walker gives in the dozen pages of his volume, is almost long enough to make one accept at once any conjecture founded on it. There is a notable instance of this confusion in '*boile*,' line 72 of this Scene.—In § 294, Abbott gives a list of verbs formed from nouns and participles, and, as a parallel case to the present, where an adjective would be quite as good as the participle, he cites, '*reckoning time, whose million'd accidents*,' &c, *Sonn* 115 '*Lorded*,' I, II, 115, and '*wondred*,' IV, I, 137, in the present play, are instances of these verbs formed from nouns, but are not parallel to the present case.—W A WRIGHT Milton (*Comus*, 893) has '*azurn*'

57 But this] STEEVENS Prospero sets out with a long and distinct invocation to the various ministers of his art, yet to what purpose they were invoked does not very distinctly appear. Had our author written '*All this*,' &c instead of '*But this*,' &c the conclusion of the address would have been more pertinent to its beginning.—GRANT WHITE, in reference to the same idea that Steevens expresses, suggests that '*it is possible that this is the result of inadvertence on Shakespeare's part, but it is more than probable that he purposely, though not at first deliberately, avoided the clear, determinate effect of a more precise construction*' [This wavering of thought at the crisis of his fate is pathetic.—ED.]

58 requir'd.] W A. WRIGHT. Asked for. Both '*require*' and '*demand*' were formerly used in a sense slightly different from that attached to them now. Compare *Psalm* cxxxvii, 3 '*For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song,*' where there is no idea of asking as a right.

61, 62. To record in the Text. Notes Warburton's arbitrary changes in these lines is amply sufficient, to give even a digest of the long notes which they called forth from Holt and Heath is not worth, as Mat Prior would say, the effusion of any more Christian ink.—ED

62 *certaine*] EDWARDS (*Canons*, &c p 66), while quite aware that *certain*

And deeper then did euer Plummet found 63
 Ile drowne my booke *Solemne musicke.*

Heere enters Ariel before Then Alonfo with a franticke ge- 65
sture, attended by Gonzalo Sebastian and Anthonio in
like manner attended by Adrian and Francisco. They all
enter the circle which Prospero had made, and there stand
charm'd: which Prospero obseruing, speaks.

A solemne Ayre, and the best comforter, 70
 To an vnsetled fancie, Cure thy braines
 (Now vseleffe) boile within thy skull · there stand 72

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| 65 Scene III Pope + | 71 <i>braines</i>] <i>brains that</i> Ktly |
| 70 <i>and</i>] Om Cap as Huds | 72 (<i>Now vseleffe</i>) <i>boile</i>] <i>Now useless</i> |
| 71 <i>vnsetled thy</i>] <i>unsettled fancy's</i> | <i>coil</i> , Wilson |
| <i>cure</i> !—Thy Mal | <i>boile within</i>] F ₂ <i>boil within</i> F ₃ |
| <i>fancie, Cure</i>] <i>fancy</i> ! Sure Har- | F ₄ , Rowe 1, Mal Ktly <i>boiling in</i> Sing |
| ness conj (ap Ingleby, Still Lion, | <i>boil'd within</i> Rowe 11 et cet <i>bound</i> |
| p 69) | <i>within</i> S Verges |

means an indefinite number, supposes that Shakespeare might have intended to signify that there was 'a certain precise determinate number of fadoms, which Prospero, by his art, knew of, at which depth if he burned his staff, it would never more be discovered, so as to be used in enchantments', which is ingenious and not impossible —ED

71 *vnsetled fancie*] WORDSWORTH (p 78) It is reasonable to suppose that the service which David performed for Saul, see *1 Sam* xvi, 23, was present to our poet's mind

71 *braines*] HEATH Compare *Mid N D* V, 1, 4. 'Lovers and madmen have such seething brains'—MALONE And *Wint T* III, iii, 64 'Would any but these boiled brains of nineteen and two-and-twenty hunt this weather?'

71, 72. *thy*] INGLEBY (*Sh Hermeneutics*, p 68) As two persons are addressed, and 'you' is the pronoun properly applied to them in line [73], it can hardly be doubted that the possessive pronoun 'thy' is an error for *the* [HUDSON adopted this in his text with the following note.] Prospero is evidently speaking either to all six of the men or else to none of them If he is speaking to them it should be *your*—*your*; if merely in reference to them, it should be either *the*—*the* or *their*—*their*. Ingleby's correction is manifestly right, though, for my part, I should prefer *their*—*their*, but that it involves more of literal change. [I am afraid that here the critic has not only invaded the province of the actor, but has failed to master the situation It is an assumption on Ingleby's part that 'two persons are addressed,' and an incorrect one Gonzalo's brains did not boil within his skull. Ariel distinctly says that only Alonso, Sebastian, and Anthonio were distracted, and the stage-direction is explicit that it is only they who enter with a 'frantic gesture' Prospero could use 'thy' only to Alonso, as the one to enter first, but he may well have used 'you' when he spell-stopped them all —ED]

72 *boile*] Rowe's change to *boil'd* has been adopted by almost every editor 11

For you are Spell-stopt. 73
 Holy *Gonzallo*, Honourable man,
 Mine eyes ev'n sociable to the shew of thine 75
 Fall fellowly drops The charme diffolues apace,
 And as the morning steales vpon the night
 (Melting the darkeneffe) fo their rising fences
 Begin to chace the ignorant fumes that mantle 79

74 *Holy*] *Noble* Coll 11 (MS)

75 *shew*] *flow* Coll 11, 111 (MS)

76 *fellowly drops*] *fellowly drops* Rowe

11 *fellow-drops* Pope, Theob Han Warb
 Cap

is much simpler thus to consider it as another instance of the confusion of final *e* and final *d* (see line 50, above, and line 87, below) than to suppose that there is an omission of the relative *which* —INGLEBY (*Sh Hermeneutics*, 68), however, strongly contends for this omission, which he pronounces 'as plain as the nose on one's face,' and that the 'brains were *boiling*, not *boiled*.' To which the answer lies that having entered 'the circle which Prospero had made' their 'franticke gestures' had ceased, leaving their brains useless as the result of an 'vnsetled fancie' It is hardly to be supposed that Prospero would address them as intelligent men while the uncomfortable process of ebullition was going on in their brains —ED

74 *Holy*] COLLIER (ed. 11) *Noble* as it is corrected in the MS is, we may be confident, a restoration of the poet's language Why was Prospero to call Gonzalo 'holy'? He was 'noble' and 'honourable,' but in no respect 'holy' —STAUNTON 'Holy,' in Shakespeare's time, besides its ordinary meaning of *godly*, *sanctified*, and the like, signified also *pure*, *just*, *righteous*, &c, in this sense Leontes speaks of Polixenes as 'holy'. 'You have a *holy* father, A graceful gentleman' —*Wint. T* V i, 170 —DYCE adds In *The Two Gent* IV, 11, 41 we have 'holy' applied to Silvia, a young lady no more remarkable for her piety than her neighbours [Collier deserted this correction in his third edition]

75 *ev'n sociable*] PHILLPOTTS. 'Even' might be either 'even as much as yours seem' or 'even fall drops' It is possible that 'even' here may itself have the sense of 'fellowly and sociable,' as 'their *even* Christian' —*Ham* V, 1, 35

75. *shew*] COLLIER (ed 11). The error [corrected by the MS] of 'show' for *flow* is also transparent, and must have been occasioned chiefly by the mistake of the long *s* for *f*; Gonzalo was weeping, and the eyes of Prospero, 'sociable to the *flow*' of those of Gonzalo, shed companionable tears —[DYCE pronounces this 'more plausible than the change in the preceding line' If any emendation were needed, it is almost unexceptionable. But STAUNTON brings forward one or two 'facts which militate very strongly against' it, as he thinks first, the word in the Folio is 'shew,' not *show*, and next that the single character *sh* would be 'far less likely' to be mistaken for the single character *f* than the long *s* with *f*; which is a little doubtful or, at least, incapable of proof —ED

76 *Fall*] See II, 1, 326, if need be

76 *fellowly*] For many other examples 'where *-ly* represents *like*, of which it is a corruption,' see ABBOTT, § 447

79 *ignorant*] Here used causatively.

Their cleerer reason O good *Gonzallo* 80
 My true preferuer, and a loyall Sir,
 To him thou follow'ft, I will pay thy graces
 Home both in word, and deede Most cruelly
 Did thou *Alonso*, vse me, and my daughter.
 Thy brother was a furtherer in the Act, 85
 Thou art pinch'd for't now *Sebastian*. Flefh, and bloud,
 You, brother mine, that entertaine ambition,
 Expell'd remorse, and nature, whom, with *Sebastian*
 (Whose inward pinches therefore are most strong)
 Would heere haue kill'd your King. I do forgive thee, 90
 Vnnaturall though thou art. Their vnderstanding
 Begins to swell, and the approaching tide 92

80 O] O my Pope+, Steev '93, Var
 O thou Walker (*Crit* iii, 7), Dyce ii, iii,
 Huds

81 Sir] *sutor* Wilson

84 Did] *Didst* F.F., et seq

86 Thou art] Ff, Rowe i, Cap Knt,
 Dyce i, Sta Cam Glo Wrt, Rlf, Wh
 ii, Dtn thou 'rt Rowe ii et cet

86 Sebastian *Flefh, and bloud,*] *Se-*
bastian, flesh and blood Theob Warb
 Dyce

87 entertaine] Sta Ktly *entertain'd*
 Ff et cet

88 whom] Ff, Hal Wh ii *who*
 Rowe et cet

80 O] See I, ii, 105

81 Sir] COLLIER (ed ii) In the MS this is changed to *servant*, and that word may have been written with an abbreviation, and therefore mistaken, but as Shakespeare not unfrequently uses 'sir' as in the text, we introduce no change, especially as the sense of the passage is in no respect either altered or strengthened by it

84 Did] This is the first word on the page The catch-word at the foot of the preceding page is 'Didst'

86 Sebastian] Theobald's substitution of a comma after 'Sebastian' and the removal of the full stop to the end of the line were pronounced by Capell an absurdity, 'for what,' he asks, 'is pinching in blood?' Dyce answers, "'flesh and blood' means, of course, the whole man," and adopts Theobald's punctuation—injudiciously I think, because 'flesh and blood' does not apply to Sebastian, but to 'brother mine' See Abbott's note on 'you' in the next line —ED

87 You] ABBOTT, § 232 Prospero, who has addressed the worthy Gonzalo in the friendly *thou*, and the repentant Alonso in the impassioned *thou*, turning to his unnatural brother says, 'Flesh and blood, *You* brother mine,' but, on pronouncing his forgiveness immediately afterwards, he says, 'I do forgive thee,' &c See also lines 150-152, &c

87 entertaine] See line 50, above.

88 remorse] Pity.

91 Their vnderstanding, &c] DEIGHTON. Their understanding had ebbed to its lowest point; but the tide is turning and will soon be at the full, overflowing with bright waves the shore of reason, now foul and muddy for want of its (reason's) flood.

Will shortly fill the reasonable shore 93
 That now ly foule, and muddy. not one of them
 That yet lookes on me, or would know me: *Ariell*, 95
 Fetch me the Hat, and Rapier in my Cell,
 I will discase me, and my selfe present
 As I was sometime *Millaune*: quickly Spirit,
 Thou shalt ere long be free.

Ariell sings, and helps to attire him. 100

Where the Bee sucks, there suck I,

In a Cowslips bell, I lie, 102

93, 94 *shore ly*] *F₂ shores . lie*
 Mal Steev '93, Var Knt, Sing Coll
 Hal Wh 1 *shore lies F₂F₄ et cet*
 95 *That yet*] *E'en yet* Wilson

95 *or*] *e'er* Coll MS, Kily
 97 [Exit Ariel, and returns immediately Theob
 101 *suck*] *lurk* Theob Han

93 reasonable shore] W A WRIGHT The shore of reason which has just been, by another figure, compared to clear water covered with a scum of ignorant fumes

96, &c HENSE (*Antikes*, &c p 482) calls attention to the instances of anagnorisis, or recognition, similar to the present scene, in Grecian poetry, e g the scene of the recognition of Ulysses by Penelope, and where Ulysses discloses himself to the group of horrified suitors Again where Sophocles depicts the recognition of Ulysses by Philoctetes

101 suck I] THEOBALD changed this to '*lurk I*,' on the plea that 'a spirit of a refin'd ætherial essence' could not be 'intended to want food,' this superfluous emendation became, for many a long year, ingrained in the popular memory by its having been adopted by Dr Arne in his musical setting It has even yet scarcely died out—HUNTER finds in this line another reference to the 'line' tree, whereof the flower is an 'eminent favourite of the bee, who quits even the thyme border that she may revel in "the blossom that hangs on the bough,"—its pendulous flowers'

102 Cowslips] MALONE Compare Drayton, *Nymphidia* 'At midnight the appointed hour, And for the Queen a fitting bow'r, (Quoth he) is that fair cowslip flow'r, On Hipcut-hill that groweth' *Nymphidia* was not written, I imagine, until after 1612. It was not printed till 1627 [There are many passages throughout Drayton, as we all kno, which reveal the powerful influence on him which Shakespeare had. A striking passage was noted in *As You Like It*, and in this same *Nymphidia*, a few stanzas lower down than that above quoted, there is a description of Queen Mab's chariot, whereof the horses were gnats, their harness gossamer, the coachman a fly, and the wheels of crickets' bones, which no one can read without being reminded of Mercutio, and again when Puck is sent off by Oberon, he goes, according to Drayton, 'thorough brake, thorough brier, Thorough muck, thorough mier, Thorough water, thorough fier'—Ed]

102 bell] In his note on IV, i, 73 Steevens said that it was clear Shakespeare was no diligent botanist, for 'who ever heard,' he asked, 'of a *bell-shaped* cowslip?'—BR NICHOLSON (*N & Qu* 3d S ix, 28, 1866) says that 'Ariel's bell is the calyx of the flower, which is described to this day in botanical works as somewhat bell-shaped, and is so' A calyx undoubtedly may be bell-shaped, but in losing its corolla, a calyx

There I couch when Owles doe crie, 103
On the Batts backe I doe flie
after Sommer merrily. 105

103 couch] crowch F₃F₄, Rowe 1
 couch Cap. Huds couch Heath, Var
 Coll 1, 11

105 Sommer merrily] *sunset, merrily*
 Theob Han summer Merrily,
 Holt

loses all its poetry and charm In speaking of a cowslip we think only of the corolla, which, as in the case of all monopetalous plants, can be fairly enough termed a bell In a poetic generalisation all flowers may be called bell-shaped, as in the *Hymn to the Flowers*, by Horace Smith, which every one knows, or ought to know, by heart 'Neath cloistered boughs each floral bell that swingeth And tolls its perfume in the passing air'—ED

103 *There I couch when Owles doe crie*] The older commentators, WARBURTON, HEATH, and CAPELL, 'abide all three distracted' over this line, which means, in its simplest terms, merely that Ariel slept at night in a cowslip, they were misled by the belief that an allusion to owls could refer only to winter Therefore Heath proposed a full stop after 'couch,' and has been followed, substantially, by others from whom we might have expected better Heath's note is here given because it has been cited with approval by a recent editor, Warburton's and Capell's may be omitted without loss, at least those portions which refer to this line HEATH If Ariel 'couches in the cowslip when owls do cry,' it follows that he couches there in winter, for that, from the general notoriety of the fact, is the season when owls do cry How then can it consistently be said that he constantly flies the approach of winter by following the summer in its progress to other climates? I should imagine, therefore, that Shakespeare pointed the passage thus 'There I couch When owls,' &c.—STEEVENS truthfully observed: 'Owls cry not only in winter It is well known that they are to the full as clamorous in summer, Titania, in *Mid N D*, the time of which is supposed to be May, commands her fairies to "keep back The clamorous owl, that nightly hoots"'—MALONE, too, albeit he was beguiled by Heath, remarked that 'When owls do cry' means simply at night.

104. *Batts backe*] WALKER (*Vers* 234) Such combinations as 'Lud's Town' (compare Newtown, &c.), 'Heaven's Gate' (compare Kirkgate, Ludgate, &c.), and others of the same kind are pronounced as if they were single words, with the accent on the first syllable. Thus Caliban's 'Shew thee a jay's nest,' &c And here pronounce 'bat's back' as *horseback*, and [in line 203 of this Scene] 'And I would call it fair play,' pronounce fair-play, unless there is any corruption in the words following [I do not like this holocaust to rhythm—ED]

105. *Sommer*] That there is a charm, and a great charm, in Theobald's emendation of *sunset* is undeniable It is chiefly in the twilight that bats appear, and with the poetry and sentiment of that hour in summer they are associated The emendation first appeared in Theobald's *Shakespeare Restored*, a book which so thoroughly angered Pope that for it Theobald was made the hero of *The Dunciad*, and yet in Pope's second edition of Shakespeare he could not overlook the beauty of Theobald's change, and after the word 'summer' noted that it was 'probably *sunset*,' a remarkable concession Hunter could 'hardly bring himself to reject it,' and Macaulay (as acted by Cartwright, p 6) wrote 'Who does not sympathise with the rapture of Ariel, flying after sunset on the wings of the bat?' 'Why *after* summer?' asks THEO-

*Merrily, merrily, shall I lue now,
Vnder the blossom that hangs on the Bow.* 106

Pro Why that's my dainty *Ariel*: I shall misse
Thee, but yet thou shalt haue freedome: fo, fo, fo. 109

108, 109 *Why. Thee*] One line, F₃F₄ et seq

BALD (*Sh Rest* p 176) 'Is it true that the *Bat* flies *after* summer? After summer, that is, in the winter, the *Bat* sleeps His food of gnats and flies cannot be procured in winter I am apt to think that the passage is corrupt, and that the allusion here is not to any season of the *year*, but rather to the *hour* when bats fly From the custom and nature of this bird [*sic*], therefore, it seems to me it ought to be corrected to "After *sun-set* merrily"' To this note, here given only substantially, Theobald added, in his edition, that the original text could be right only on the mistaken notion that bats migrated in pursuit of hot weather —WARBURTON, paying no heed to Theobald's allusion to the hibernation of bats, asserts that the 'roughness of winter is represented by Shakespeare as disagreeable to fairies and such like delicate spirits, who, on this account, constantly follow summer Was not this then the most agreeable circumstance of Ariel's new recover'd liberty, that he could now avoid *winter*, and follow *summer* quite round the globe?" —STEEVENS saw the difficulty involved in the natural history of the 'bird,' but resorts to his ever ready explanation of Shakespeare's ignorance 'Ariel,' he says, 'speaks of his present situation only, nor triumphs in the idea of his future liberty till the last couplet The bat is no bird of passage, and the expression is therefore probably used to signify *not that he pursues summer*, but that *after summer is past*, he rides on the warm down of a bat's back. . . Shakespeare, who, in his *Mid N. D.*, has placed the light of a glow-worm in its eyes, might, through the same ignorance of natural history, have supposed the bat to be a bird of passage' —KNIGHT says that in his text he 'follows the original exactly' (which is true except that he substitutes colons and semicolons for commas), and that the words of the song are the same as the poet wrote them, but that the punctuation [of lines 103, 104] ought to be as follows 'There I couch when owls do cry On the bat's back I do fly After,' &c 'Here,' adds Knight, 'we have all the conditions of Ariel's existence expressed in the most condensed form . . . In the *night* when owls do cry, he couches on the bat's back' This last remark is a good illustration of the blindness to which we are all liable So clear was the meaning to Knight's eyes that he did not see that according to his punctuation Ariel couched in a cowslip when Owls cried on bats' backs (which is scarcely to be wondered at) —DYCE (*Remarks*, p 9) called attention to Knight's oversight of the full meaning of 'There,' which clearly refers to the 'cowslip's bell,' just as in the first line '*There* I suck' refers to the preceding '*Where* the bee sucks' 'In spite of any objections,' adds Dyce, 'that may be brought from "natural history," I believe that Shakespeare intended to describe Ariel as flying on the bat's back *in pursuit of summer*, like the swallow' A remark which carries with it, I imagine, the assent of all What has 'natural history' to do with *The Tempest*, where all is unnatural history? as if a spirit, that could tread the ooze of the salt deep, or work 't' the veins of the earth when it is bak'd with frost, could not fly, if it chose, in perpetual sunshine, on the back of a bat, which was as torpid as a stone with the cold of a dozen winters —WALKER (*Crit* iii, 7) compares with this passage *Mid N D* IV, 1 'Trip we after the night's shade,' and 'we fairies that do run . . . From the presence of the sun, Following darkness like a dream' —ED

To the Kings ship, inuifible as thou art, 110
 There shalt thou finde the Marriners afleepe
 Vnder the Hatches the Mafter and the Boat-fwaine
 Being awake, enforce them to this place ,
 And priefently, I pre'thee

Ar I drinke the aire before me, and returne 115
 Or ere your pulfe twice beate *Exit.*

Gon. All torment, trouble, wonder, and amazement
 Inhabits heere fome heauenly power guide vs
 Out of this fearefull Country

Pro. Behold Sir King 120
 The wronged Duke of *Millaine, Prospero.*
 For more affurance that a liuing Prince
 Do's now fpeake to thee, I embrace thy body,
 And to thee, and thy Company, I bid
 A hearty welcome. 125

Alo. Where thou bee'ft he or no,
 Or fome enchanted trifle to abufe me, 127

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| 113 <i>awake</i>] <i>awaked</i> Walker, Huds | Hal Dyce, Sta Huds <i>Whether thou</i> |
| 120 <i>Behold</i>] <i>Lo</i> Pope, Han | <i>be'st</i> Cam Glo Jeph Wrt, Wh 11 |
| [Attured as Duke Coll MS | <i>Whe'er thou be'st</i> Cap et cet |
| 126 <i>Alo</i>] Ant Ingleby (ap Cam) | 126 <i>he or no</i>] <i>he</i> Jervis <i>Prospero</i> |
| <i>Where thou bee'ft</i>] Ff, Rowe. | Cartwright |
| <i>Be'st thou</i> Pope+ <i>Whêr thou be'st</i> | 127 <i>trifle</i>] <i>rival</i> or <i>model</i> Bailey. |

109 so, so, so] Referring to Ariel's assistance in attiring him

115 *drinke the aire*] JOHNSON. An expression of swiftness of the same kind as 'to devour the way,' in *2 Hen IV* I, 1, 47, which last, VOSS (*Anmerk* 191) compares to 'viam vorabit' of Catullus, xxxv, 7

116 Or ere] See I, ii, 13

126 Where] For many other examples of this contraction of *Whether*, see WALKER, *Vers* 103, or ABBOTT, § 466.

127 *enchanted trifle*] COLLIER (ed 11) The MS substitutes *deuill* for 'trifle,' but we hesitate to insert it in our text, because 'trifle' in this case may be understood, although it was not unnatural for Alonso to suppose he might be addressing a fiend who had assumed the shape and dress of Prospero—STAUNTON The change of Collier's MS is as wanton as it is foolish. 'Trifle' meant *phantom*, thus in Beau. & Fl, *Bonduca*, V, ii 'In love too with a trifle to abuse me'—WALKER (*Crit* 1, 164), in his chapter on 'peculiar construction with the adjective,' suspects this to be an instance of the transposition of the adjective, i e some trifle produced by enchantment to abuse me, for, he says, *some trifle to abuse me*, seems unlike the Elizabethan English—LETTISOM (in a foot-note) cites the same line from *Bonduca*, cited by Staunton, where the very phrase occurs, and adds from Ford, *Fancies*, &c IV, i 'Why you know I am an ignorant, unable *trifle* in such business' *Sun's Darling*, I.

(As late I haue beene) I not know . thy Pulse 128
 Beats as of flesh, and blood : and since I saw thee,
 Th'affliction of my minde amends, with which 130
 I feare a madnesse held me . this must craue
 (And if this be at all) a most strange story.
 Thy Dukedome I resign, and doe entreat
 Thou pardon me my wrongs But how shold *Prospero*
 Be liuing, and be heere ? 135
Pro First, noble Friend,
 Let me embrace thine age, whose honor cannot
 Be measur'd, or confin'd
Gonz. Whether this be,
 Or be not, I'll not sweare 140
Pro. You doe yet taste
 Some subtleties o'th'Isle, that will nor let you 142

132. *And*] *An* Pope, Han Cap et Wheler MS (ap Hal)
 seq 134 *my*] *thy* Coll 11, 111 (MS)
And if this be] *If this be true* 142. *nor let*] *not let* F₃F₄ et seq

1 '—scourge hence this *trifle*', II, 1 'This lady call'd the Spring, is an odd trifle'
 [According to Skeat the old sense of 'trifle' is a delusion or trick]

128 not know] See line 45, *supra*, or II, 1, 122.

133 Thy Dukedome] STEEVENS. The duchy of Milan being, through the treachery of Anthonio, made feudatory to the crown of Naples, Alonso promises to resign his claim of sovereignty for the future

134 my wrongs] COLLIER (ed 11) . We have often seen 'my' and *thy* confounded by the old printer, and we can readily believe such was the case here It ought to be, as in the MS, '*thy* wrongs,' i. e. the wrongs that I have done to thee — DYCE (ed 11) Here undoubtedly Shakespeare wrote 'my wrongs,' i. e. the wrongs done by me to thee, just as he wrote, earlier in this Scene, 'their high wrongs,' i. e. the high wrongs done by them to me; and in *Mid N D* II, 1, 'Your wrongs (i. e. the wrongs done by you) do set a scandal on my sex', so, too, Greene, in the concluding sentence of his *Groatworth of Wit*, &c , 'a whole booke cannot contain their wrongs,' i. e. the wrongs done by them, viz the players Compare also, above, 'till your release,' i. e. the release of them by you, and in *Lear*, IV, 11 'And quit the house on purpose, that their punishment (i. e. the punishment inflicted by Cornwall and Regan on Gloster) Might have freer course'

141, 142 taste . . . subtleties] STEEVENS . A phrase adopted from ancient cookery and confectionery. When a dish was so contrived as to appear unlike what it really was, they called it a *subtlety* Dragons, castles, trees, &c. made out of sugar had the like denomination Froissart complains much of this practice, which often led him into mistakes at dinner — HALLIWELL Although I think 'subtleties' is here to be accepted in one of its then ordinary senses, *deceptions*, and that there is not necessarily a metaphorical meaning, it would hardly be prudent to omit Steevens's note . The use of the word 'taste,' metaphorically applied, is so very common

Beleeue things certaine Wellcome, my friends all, 143
 But you, my brace of Lords, were I so minded
 I heere could plucke his Highnesse frowne vpon you 145
 And iustifie you Traitors: at this time
 I will tell no tales.

Seb. The Diuell speakes in him:

Pro. No:

For you (most wicked Sir) whom to call brother 150
 Would euen infect my mouth, I do forgiue
 Thy rankest fault; all of them: and require
 My Dukedome of thee, which, perforce I know 153

144 [Aside to Seb and Ant Johns
 147 *I will*] Ff, Rowe, Hal Dyce 1,
 Cam Glo Wrt, Wh 11, Dtn *I'll* Pope
 et cet

148 [Aside Johns To Ant. Cap

149 *No*] Om Han *Now*, Allen,
 Huds

152 *fault*] *faults* F., Rowe +, Hal
 Coll 11, 111 (MS), Sing Dyce 11, 111, Ktly

153 *thee*] *thre* F.

that it is not, in itself, any argument in favour of the theory of Steevens. So 'taste grief,' *Rich II*, &c.—W A WRIGHT. It denoted a device in pastry and confectionery work such as is described by Fabyan in his account of the feast at the Coronation of Katharine, queen of Henry V (*Chronicle*, ed 1542, 11, 366), 'And a sotyltye called a Pellycane syttyng on his nest with he byrdes, and an ymage of saynte Katherine holding a boke and disputyng with the doctoures' [It must be confessed that there is a certain repugnance to the thought of similes, in the majestic mouth of Prospero, drawn from the kitchen, and if it were not for that one word 'taste' the idea should be scouted. But with that word preceding, and with the memory of the delusive 'banket' which had just mocked their hunger, I am afraid Steevens is right. Those interested in 'subtleties' may be referred to the *Early English Text Society's* reprint of *Two Fifteenth-Century Cookery-Books*—ED.]

149 *No*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*). The reading 'No' must be corrupt, for nothing is more certain, than that an *aside* is supposed to be heard only by the person to whom it is addressed; and Prospero, therefore, cannot have said 'No' to what he did not hear—not to dwell on the singularly unsatisfactory dryness of this shortest of adverbs, left without one additional word of enlargement or explanation. The truth appears to be that Prospero was going through a series of addresses to the principal personages before him *seriatim*; he had addressed first the King, then Gonzalo, and now—after giving a necessary *private* hint to Sebastian and Antonio together, and neither hearing nor caring for any comments they might make—he takes up his brother alone, with a mere word of transition. 'Now For you, most wicked Sir,' . . . just as in *Ham* I, 11, 42 the King turns from Cornelius and Voltmand to Laertes with 'And now, Laertes, what's the news with you?' and then (64) to Hamlet, with the same form. 'But now, my cousin Hamlet, and my son.' I may add that 'now' was pronounced in Shakespeare's day much like 'noo' (*N A Rev.* Apr. 1864, p 368), and that therefore an amanuensis might easily write 'No' for it, under the impression that Prospero was bound to contradict the calumnious charge of his being in league with the Devil.

Thou must restore.

Alo. If thou bee'st *Prospero*

155

Give vs particulars of thy preferuation,

How thou hast met vs heere, whom three howres since

Were wrackt vpon this shore? where I haue loft

(How sharp the point of this remembrance is)

My deere sonne *Ferdinand*

160

Pro. I am woe for't, Sir

Alo. Irreparable is the losse, and patience

Saies, it is past her cure.

Pro I rather thinke

You haue not fought her helpe, of whose soft grace

165

For the like losse, I haue her foueraigne aid,

And rest my selfe content.

Alo. You the like losse?

Pro. As great to me, as late, and supportable

To make the deere losse, haue I meanes much weaker

170

Then you may call to comfort you; for I

Haue loft my daughter.

Alo. A daughter?

173

157 *whom*] Hal Wh i. *who* Ff,
Rowe et cet

161 *I am*] *I'm* Pope+, Jeph Dyce
u, m, Huds

165 *soft*] *sought* Theob conj (Nich
Ill)

169 *late,*] *late, sir,* Cap *late, you*
Gould

169 *supportable*] F₂ *insupportable*
F₃F₄, Rowe, Pope, Han. *portable* Steev.
'93, Var Huds *reparable* Wilson

172 *my*] *my only* Han

173 *A*] *Only* Han Om Cap *You*
have lost a Wagner conj

daughter?] *daughter!* *did you*
say? Cartwright.

150-153 You . thee] See I, ii, 516-527.

161 woe] MALONE That is, I am sorry for it See ABBOTT, § 230, where,
among other examples, we find, in *Cymb.* V, v, 297, 'I am sorrow for thee'

169 as late] JOHNSON. My loss is as great as yours, and has as lately happened
to me

169 supportable] CAPELL added *sir* after 'late' in order to avoid making the
accent fall on the first syllable of 'supportable,' 'which,' he says, 'if a conundrum
may pass, is not *suppōrtable*.'—DYCE thinks Steevens's *portable* is perhaps right

170. meanes] CAPELL supposes that Prospero here refers to the fact that Alonso
still has a daughter to comfort him, whereas Prospero has just lost his

172, 173 daughter] WALKER (*Vers* 207), followed by DYCE, says 'daughter' is
here a trisyllable As neither critic specifies which of the two 'daughters' is a tri-
syllable, the inference is that the word is to be so pronounced in both places To my
ear it is abhorrent enough in only one case, but if Prospero is to say *daugh-a-ter*, and
Alonso, in his anguish, responds *daugh-a-ter*, can the effect be anything else but comic?
—ED.

Oh heauens, that they were liuing both in *Nalpes*
 The King and Queene there, that they were, I wish 175
 My felfe were mudded in that oo-zie bed
 Where my fonne lies when did you lose your daughter?
Pro. In this last Tempeft. I perceiue these Lords
 At this encounter doe so much admire,
 That they deuoure their reason, and scarce thinke 180
 Their eyes doe offices of Truth Their words
 Are naturall breath. but howsoeuer you haue
 Beene iuftled from your fences, know for certain
 That I am *Prospero*, and that very Duke
 Which was thrust forth of *Millaine*, who most strangely 185
 Vpon this shore (where you were wrackt) was landed
 To be the Lord on't: No more yet of this,
 For 'tis a Chronicle of day by day, 188

174 *Nalpes*] *Naples* Ff
 180 *deuoure*] *denuire* Gould

180 *scarce*] *scare* F₂
 181 *eyes*] *eye* F₂ *eye* F₃F₄

179 *admire*] In its Latin sense

180 *deuoure their reason*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) They stood agape,—with mouths wide open,—in their ‘admiration,’ *i. e.* *amazement*, they looked (I hardly dare to say it) as if they had *swallowed their reason*

181 *Their words*] CAPELL (who reads ‘*these words*’) Surely no astonishment could so affect them as to make them question the reality of their own existence, for this (in effect) is the result of [reading ‘their words’] of Prospero’s they might, and we find, do, in the sentence that precedes, where they are not said to doubt whether they see, but whether they see rightly, nor could it be intended here that they should doubt whether themselves spoke, but whether that was real which they heard others speak —MALONE received a communication from an anonymous correspondent giving the same reasons as Capell for the change to *these* ‘Their doubts related only to Prospero, whom they at first apprehended to be some “enchanted trifle to abuse them.” They doubt, says he, whether the words they hear are spoken by a human creature.’—DYCE pronounced Capell’s emendation ‘not improbable,’ and HUDSON adopted it —HALLIWELL, however, thinks that precisely that astonishment seized them which Capell thought impossible, and that they scarcely think ‘the words they speak are really those that would be naturally uttered by themselves’ As the question resolves itself merely into one of degrees, whatever expresses the highest astonishment would seem to be nearest right —ED

182 *howsoeuer*] WALKER (*Crit* 1, 85) calls attention to this spelling, ‘eu’r,’ instead of the more common ‘e’er,’ and refers to several instances in *Othello*, II, 1, 181, III, iii, 521, where it occurs twice in the same line, III, iv, 117 in this present edition ‘I have a notion,’ concludes Walker, ‘that Spenser always does this, but that his editors have altered it This spelling, however, is much less frequent than the other’

183 *Which . . who*] See ABBOTT, § 266

Not a relation for a break-fast, nor
 Befitting this first meeting: Welcome, Sir; 190
 This Cell's my Court heere haue I few attendants,
 And Subiects none abroad pray you looke in
 My Dukedome since you haue giuen me againe,
 I will requite you with as good a thing,
 At least bring forth a wonder, to content ye 195
 As much, as me my Dukedome
Here Prospero discovers Ferdinand and Miranda, play-
ing at Chesse 198

193 *you haue*] *you've* Rowe +, Jeph
 Dyce II, III, Huds

193 *me*] *it me* Hunter
 196 Scene IV Pope +

198 Chesse] STEEVENS Shakespeare might not have ventured to engage his hero and heroine at this game had he not found Huon de Bourdeaux and his Princess employed in the same manner. See the romance of *Huon*, &c chap 53, ed 1601. 'How King Ivoryn caused his daughter to play at the chesse with Huon,' &c — DYCE (*Few Notes*, p 16) There may have been something like this in the novel or tale which furnished Shakespeare with the materials for *The Tempest*, but if that was not the case, and if *The Tempest* was first produced shortly before the year 1611, it is not improbable that the idea of 'discovering' Ferdinand and Miranda engaged at chess was suggested in Barnaby Barnes's *Devils Charter*, 1607. In that tragedy Cæsar Borgia, after taking Katherine prisoner and making her believe that he had put to death her two sons, says 'Behold thy children living in my tent. *He discourseth his Tent where her two sonnes were at Cardes*' — ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc* p 67) Steevens thinks that Shakespeare occupied Ferdinand and Miranda, while by themselves, in playing Chess, because he had read something of the kind in the romance of *Huon of Bourdeaux*. Certainly he was not led to do so by any special interest of his own in the game. For, what he *was* interested in (as, for example, law) was often on his tongue, but of Chess he is said by an authority in Twiss (*Chess*, I, III) to have made no mention whatever, save in this one place.* Nay, *here* his language is not Chess-language. No Chess-player would accuse his adversary of making what is called 'a false move' in terms, that would be just as appropriate to any other game — terms, which (in fact) signify no more than 'cheating' at play. Suppose, therefore, that Steevens were right — that Shakespeare *did* accept a hint from the romance of *Huon* — he could have been led to do so only by an impression, on his part, of some *peculiar* appropriateness in representing *his* betrothed pair as engaged in a game of 'thoughtful Chess'. Now whence did Shakespeare derive that impression? *Perhaps* merely from his knowledge that — from the time when Haroun al Raschid sent a set

* Another authority in Twiss (*Chess*, II, 125) does indeed remark that 'Shakespeare seems to have a punning allusion to Chess in the First Scene of *The Taming of the Shrew*, where Katherine says "I pray you, Sir, is it your will To make a *Stale* of me amongst these *Mates*?"' And Douce (himself a writer on Chess antiquities) is of the same opinion (*III* 1, 327). I would add that there *may* have been an allusion to Chess in *Macb* V, 1, 86 'My mind she hath *mated* and amazed my sight' and that Shakespeare would appear to have been aware of the story of Chess being an invention of Palamedes, during the Siege of Troy, when he makes Troilus say (*Tro & Cress* IV, IV, 89) 'I cannot play at *subtle games*, to which the Greeks are prompt and pregnant.'

[198 Ferdinand and Miranda, at Chess]

of Chessmen to Charlemagne, and when a son of William the Conqueror and a son of the French king fought each other with Chess-pieces on the one side and the Chess board on the other, down to the reign of Queen Elizabeth herself, who was fond of the game—Chess had always been 'The Royal Game'—a deeply intellectual pastime, above the reach of the vulgar, confined to royal and princely personages and to those who lived in close connection with them, learned ecclesiastics and doctors of the law. It may be added, too, that Shakespeare—knowing Chess to be a prerogative of royal personages—might consider it highly natural, that this profound and 'subtle game' should have occupied the attention of just such a being, as he had represented Prospero to have been, and that this 'rare wondered father' should have taught the game to his daughter, to vary their intellectual employments when thus left entirely alone by themselves. But I feel quite confident that Shakespeare was aware, still further, that there was a *special* and remarkable appropriateness in representing a Prince of Naples as a Chess-player—and so skilful a player, to boot, that Miranda (the clever pupil of her deep father) was playfully disposed to account for his beating her so easily only on the supposition that he had in some way 'played false'. This special appropriateness I discover in the fact that Naples, precisely during the lifetime of Shakespeare, was the centre of Chess-playing, at a period when Chess skill had temporarily attained a height which it never saw again until the days of Philidor or (more correctly, perhaps) the marvellous contests of La Bourdonnais and McDonnell. At that time (during the Regency of the Duke of Ossuna) the Palace of the Prince of Gesualdo was the stated resort of eminent players, and so solemnly did they study the game that they assumed the title of *L'Accademia degli Scacchi*. Here was formed Lionardo da Cutri, here Paolo Boi of Syracuse came to ascertain his real strength, and here Alessandro Salvio, learned in the law, not only practised the game and illustrated it in his valuable treatise, but also became the Plutarch of the Chess-heroes of his time*. The supremacy of this great Neapolitan school was likely to be celebrated all over Europe, because of the chivalrous adventures of its most eminent professors. Lionardo da Cutri (surnamed *Il Puttino*) journeyed into Spain, where the rival Chess-school was flourishing, and defeated the learned ecclesiastic Ruy Lopez, tutor of Don Carlos, in the presence of 'the good king,' Philip the Second, † while from another sovereign he received, as a chivalrous seeker of adventures, the title of 'The Chess Knight-errant'. Paolo Boi followed after Il Puttino, and engaged in fierce contest with him on the very scene of his victories, and then played, at Lisbon, with Don Sebastian, immediately before that monarch's fatal expedition to Morocco. For twenty years he wandered—now in Africa ransoming himself from captivity by his skill, at another time in Hungary, trying his strength with Turkish Delius, who played on horseback without boards and men, and then fighting for the cross, in sterner strife, under Don Juan of Austria (apparently in the Battle of Lepanto), and winning the personal favour of the austere Pope, St Pius the Fifth, by the stanness of his knightly and Christian character ‡. Such

* *Trattato dello Invention et Arte liberale del Gioco di Scacchi dell Dottor Alessandro Salvio Neapolitano*. In *Napoli*, MDCIII. The biographical matter first appeared in the second edition, which bore the title of *Il Puttino, altrimenti detto, il Cavaliero errante del Salvio, sopra il gioco de' Scacchi, con la sua Apologia contra il Carrera, diviso in tre Libri*. In *Napoli*, 1634. A third edition (containing *Il Puttino*) appeared at Naples in 1723. Sarratt's imperfect translation of Salvio's Treatise (London, 1813) omits the biography.

† About the year 1575.

‡ The adventures of Paolo Boi are recorded by the good priest Don Pietro Carrera (who knew

Mir Sweet Lord, you play me false.
Fer. No my deareft loue, 200
 I would not for the world. (wrangle,
Mir. Yes, for a score of Kingdomes, you should 202

200 *my*] Om Coll MS Wh u, Huds Dtn
deareft] *dear* Pope+ *dear'st* 202 *Kingdomes, you*] *Kingdoms you*
 Cap Sta Dyce, Cam Glo Jeph Clke, F₄ *kingdoms* You Johns

adventures were the surer to fly through the mouths of men at a time when Spain (with her Neapolitan kingdom) was the leading power in Europe, and when Italy still attracted the eyes of the world I can have no doubt that these rumours of adventure caught the ear of Shakespeare, and that he made Prospero discover the Neapolitan Prince and Miranda playing at Chess, precisely because he was aware that Naples was the source and centre of the Chess-*furor*, which was still at its height while his mind was teeming with the wonders of *The Tempest*.

In his eagerness to discover the season of the year wherein this play takes place, MEISSNER (p 105) decides that this game of chess makes for autumn 'Whatsoever other signification it may have in regard to the fundamental idea of the drama, we could not have helped being surprised had the lovers preferred to make love elsewhere than in the open air, under summer skies—if the summer skies were there.'

202 *score*] WARBURTON That is, if the subject or bet were kingdoms 'Score' here signifies not the number *twenty*, but *account*—Mr SMITH (ap GREY, i, 37) The passage, in all probability, should be thus restored '*Mir* Yes for a score of kingdomes, And should I wrangle, you would call it fair play' Yes, says Miranda, you would for a much less thing than the world, Ay, *for a score of kingdomes*, and should I wrangle (I e should I tell you, as I do now, That you plaid me false) you would call it fair play, as you do now [The name of the author is appended to his note, as is usual in Grey's volumes, inadvertently it is here preceded by merely a comma, so that Miranda is made to address her love thus archly 'as you do now, Mr Smith' This is one of the gleams which relieves the sombre drudgery of an editor Omitting the unwarranted emendation, Dr Johnson's interpretation of the passage is the same as Smith's, it is thus] JOHNSON I take the sense to be only this Ferdinand would not, he says, play her false for the world; yes, answers she, I would allow you to do it for something less than the world, for *twenty kingdoms*, and I wish you well enough to allow you, after a little *wrangle*, that your play was fair—W. A. WRIGHT The usage of 'should' and 'would' in this sentence becomes like our own by a very slight change, 'for a score of kingdoms should you wrangle I would call it fair play' This is merely an illustration of the manner in which the sentence would be changed in adopting it to modern habit Another modern form would be obtained by substituting 'might' for 'should' [It is not at once manifest whether 'score' here is *account*, *game* or the number *twenty*, but in either case, I

him when an old man) in his very rare *Il Gioco degli Scacchi, Misticello* M DC XVII (of which I have the honour of possessing Mr Lewis's copy), [Prof Allen's Chess Library, one of the most complete in the world, is now in The Philadelphia Library—ED] and in Mr Lewis's excellent translation of the same (London, 1822)—From the materials thus furnished by Carrera and Salvio, George Walker has worked up a charming article in his *Chess and Chess-players* (London, 1850), pp 330-363

- And I would call it faire play. 203
Alo If this proue
 A vifion of the Ifland, one deere Sonne 205
 Shall I twice loofe
Seb. A moft high miracle
Fer. Though the Seas threaten they are mercifull,
 I haue cuiſ'd them without caufe.
Alo. Now all the bleffings 210
 Of a glad fathe, compaffe thee about
 Arife, and fay how thou cam'ft heere.
Mir. O wonder!
 How many goodly creatures are there heere?
 How beauteous mankind is? O braue new world 215
 That has fuch people in't.

209 *I haue*] *I've* Pope +, Jeph Dyce
 11, 111, Huds

210 [Ferd kneels Theob

think, we should expect that Miranda, in order to show her boundless faith and love, would exaggerate Ferdinand's vaunt, and not diminish it, as she does, according to Mr Smith and Dr Johnson —ED]

202 wrangle] HOLT (p 93) To preserve the sentiment we should read *wrong me* for 'wrangle', fraud, the cause, being mention'd, when she said he play'd her 'false,' and not 'wrangling,' the effect, tho' 'tis not unusual with Shakespeare to substitute the one for the other [Holt here anticipates STAUNTON, who (*Athenaeum*, 16 Nov. 1872) proposed, of course, innocently, the same change, on the ground that 'no instance has ever been brought forward, either from Shakespeare or from any contemporary author, where the word 'wrangle' bears the sense required of it here' Staunton is undoubtedly right The ordinary meanings of 'wrangle' do not strictly apply here Sherwood gives *nouser* as the French for 'wrangle,' and Cotgrave defines *nouser* as 'to brawle, chide, scould, brabble, squabble, wrangle, brangle, fall at odds, or be at variance with, goe to suite, or hold debate against' But we must pardon something to the situation —ED]

203 faire play] WALKER would pronounce these two words as one, with the accent on the first—which verges on an undue devotion to metre, as it seems to me See line 104, above.—ED

212. Arise] With this word before us, is not the stage-direction *Ferdinand kneels* superfluous?—ED

215. new world] BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE (March, 1833) The whole wide world is henceforth, in her imagination, Paradise Oh! did it not once seem so to one and all of us,—when our bliss bade the sun shine bright on a day of clouds; when we could change at will gloom into glory, when at the sight of a few daisies the earth seemed all overspread with flowers, and flowers that knew no withering, when the inarticulate voice of streams murmured to ours their own unwearied joy in the wilderness, when we said in our hearts the very words of the magician's child, when thou hadst thine own Ferdinand, and we our own Miranda!

- Pro* 'Tis new to thee. (play? 217
Alo What is this Maid, with whom thou was't at
 Your eld'ft acquaintance cannot be three houres.
 Is she the goddeffe that hath feuer'd vs, 220
 And brought vs thus together?
Fer. Sir, she is mortall,
 But by immortall prouidence, she's mine,
 I chofe her when I could not aske my Father
 For his aduife. nor thought I had one: She 225
 Is daughter to this famous Duke of *Millaine*,
 Of whom, fo often I haue heard renowne,
 But neuer faw before of whom I haue
 Receiu'd a fecond life, and fecond Father
 This Lady makes him to me. 230
Alo. I am heis.
 But O, how odly will it found, that I
 Muft aske my childe forgiuenesse?
Pro There Sir stop,
 Let vs not burthen our remembrances, with 235

221 *vs thus*] *us F*
 222 *she is*] *she^d* Pope +, Steev
 Mal Var Knt, Sing Ktly, Dyce II, III,
 Huds
 225 *aduise*] *advice F*, et seq
 235 *Let remembrances*] One line,

Mal. Steev '93, Var Coll Wh I, Ktly,
 Rife
 235 *remembrances*] *remembrance*
 Rowe II+, Cap Steev '85, Knt, Glo
 Jeph Dyce II, III, Wrt, Huds Wh II,
 Dtn

217 'Tis new to thee] ALLEN (*Phila. Sh. Soc* p. 64) May there not be in this comment of Prospero's somewhat of a sad irony? 'When this world has ceased to be new, it will no longer, perhaps, appear to you so brave, its creatures so goodly, mankind so beauteous'

219 eld'st] WALKER (*Vers* 167). This word, I imagine, must have been pronounced, *euphonia gratia, elst*

219 cannot] WALKER (*Vers* 159) thinks that *cannot*, with the accent on the last syllable, was the earlier pronunciation, and that towards the end of Shakespeare's poetical career the modern pronunciation, as in the present line, began to be more prevalent

227. renowne] ALLEN (*Phila. Sh. Soc* p. 64) Perhaps 'renown' here is not used with reference to 'famous,' but to 'saw,' i. e. it is used in its primary meaning (like the Fr *renomme*) of repeated or loud mention, common report. So (*apud* Rich. Dict.) in *The Golden Legend*: 'They that ben in hye estate of the world a lyght *renome* troubleth them,' and in Berners's *Froissart*. 'It was a common *renome* through Englande'

235 remembrances] ALLEN (*Phila. Sh. Soc*) I have no doubt whatever that Shakespeare used the plural. And yet I would not disturb the 'with' For the

A heauneffe that's gon. 236

Gon. I haue inly wept,
Or should haue spoke ere this. looke downe you gods
And on this couple drop a blessed crowne;
For it is you, that haue chalk'd forth the way 240
Which brought vs hither.

Alo. I say Amen, *Gonzallo.*

Gon Was *Mullaine* thrust from *Mullaine*, that his Issue
Should become Kings of *Naples*? O reioyce
Beyond a common ioy, and fet it downe 245
With gold on lasting Pillers In one voyage
Did *Claribell* her husband finde at *Tunis*,
And *Ferdinand* her brother, found a wife,
Where he himselfe was loft: *Prospero*, his Dukedome
In a poore Isle: and all of vs, our felues, 250
When no man was his owne

Alo. Giue me your hands:
Let grieve and forrow still embrace his heart,
That doth not with you ioy.

Gon. Be it fo, Amen. 255

*Enter Aruell, with the Master and Boatswaine
amazedly following.* 257

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| 236. <i>A</i>] <i>An F</i> , Rowe+, Steev | 255 <i>Be u</i>] <i>Be't</i> Pope+, Steev Mal |
| 237. <i>I haue</i>] <i>I've</i> Pope+, Steev Mal | Knt, Hal Sing Ktly, Sta, Dyce 11, 111, |
| Jeph Dyce 11, 111, Huds | Huds |
| 252 [To Ferd and Mir Han | 256 Scene V Pope+ |

solution of the difficulty is, that this is a case under Walker's rule by which the final although written, is not pronounced I may add here—in proof, that the Irish pronunciation of English represents that of Shakespeare's day—that I have several times heard a highly educated Irish clergyman, even in a sermon, say 'Such are the consequence,' abhorring the repetition of the *s* sound at the end of a word as markedly as Shakespeare himself [I think that Allen is unquestionably right, and that this comes under Walker's rule as fairly as 'aye but their sense are shut', the strange point about it is that Walker himself never noticed it, but approved (*Crit* i, 247) of the change, for the sake of the metre, to *remembrance* Of course, in accordance with Allen's view, the word should be printed, in a modern text, *remembrance*, to indicate the elision of the *s*—ED]

251 *When*] JOHNSON Perhaps this should be *where*—STEEVENS. 'When' is certainly right, i e. at a time when no one was in his senses Shakespeare could not have written *where* (i e. in the island), because the mind of Prospero, who lived in it, had not been disordered It is still said in colloquial language that a madman is not his own man, i e. is not master of himself

253. still] That is, always, for ever, as still in Shakespeare, *passim*

O looke Sir, looke Sir, here is moie of vs 258
 I prophesi'd, if a Gallowes were on Land
 This fellow could not drowne: Now blasphemy, 260
 That fwear't Grace ore-boord, not an oath on shore,
 Haft thou no mouth by land?
 What is the newes?

Bot. The beft newes is, that we haue safely found
 Our King, and company. The next · our Ship, 265
 Which but three glaffes fince, we gaue out fplit,

258 *looke Sir, looke Sir,*] *look Sir,* cet
look, F₃F₄ Rowe 1 261 *[fwear't]* *swar'st* Han
here is] Ff, Cap Wh Dyce, Cam 262, 263 One line, Pope et seq
Glo Jeph Wrt, Rlfe *here are* Pope et 264 *[safely]* *safe* F₃F₄ Rowe 1

258 *here is]* See I, 1, 24, if need be

261 *swear'st]* ALLEN (*Phila. Sh Soc*) Read *swar'st* Gonzalo is not thinking of the boatswain's *general* habit (of which he knows nothing), but of the one *particular* occasion, on which he had sworn so blasphemously The two words being alike in sound, nothing was more natural than that a writer from dictation (or a compositor carrying the whole of the line in his head, but recollecting only the pronunciation and not the letters) should substitute the one for the other [Allen was unaware that Hanmer had anticipated him]

264. *safely found]* That is, found them safe

266 *three glasses]* BR NICHOLSON (*New Sh Soc Trans* 1880-2, Pt 1, p 53)
 At a meeting last session I ventured to dissent from the view that the seaman's glass in *The Tempest* was of an hour's duration This dissent was founded on three considerations that the customs of the sea are as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, that the seaman's glasses of the present day, like the bells that betoken them, mark half-hours; and that Shakespeare, as shown especially by the First Scene of *The Tempest*, seems to have been unusually conversant with nautical matters. After referring, however, to the well-known passage in *All's Well*, II, 1, 159-164, the latter part of which runs 'Or four and twenty times the pilot's glass Hath told the thievish minutes how they pass,' I retracted my opinion, saying that either the sea custom had altered, or Shakespeare was wrong in a technology, in which one is, according to my experience, more apt to make a mistake than in any other — As it seemed worth while to pursue the subject, I consulted *The Seaman's Grammar*, by Capt John Smith, Governor of Virginia, published in 1627, within about three years of his death In ch ix, p 38, are these words '—or each squadron [1 e party or half the crew] for eight Glasses or foure houres, which is a watch' I quote from the first edition. . . . It is, of course, true that 1627 is after Shakespeare's date, but Smith went to sea in 1603 or earlier, and, not to speak of the improbability and almost impossibility of such a change in those non-changing times in a profession least of all given to it, it is a certainty that if so important an alteration had occurred in Smith's sea-life he could not but have explicitly noticed it.—It follows, therefore, that Shakespeare was wrong in *All's Well*. Whether he were wrong also in *The Tempest* is not so immediately evident, and there is, of course, an *a priori* possibility that he might

[266 three glasses]

by that time have learnt his error Without, however, entering into the question in detail, I would say that, having carefully considered both sides of the question, I have been compelled, though once of the contrary opinion, to come to the conclusion that here also he was wrong, and took the seaman's glass to be a full hour glass instead of one of half an hour *—This conclusion is of interest in two points of view

1 It is the first instance in which Shakespeare, in his use of technicals, has been found wrong 2 I hold it a sure proof that Shakespeare *never was at sea* I fully admit that wherever else he has used a sea technical he used it rightly, and that he has made an allusion in *Sonnet* cxvi, which, being misunderstood, or rather, not understood, by landsmen, has been pronounced a crux, though it requires no emendation at all I admit also that the handling of his ship in *The Tempest* is intelligent and seamanlike, and has gained the approbation of naval officers Admitting, I say, these things as appearing to be contrary to my supposition, and, on that supposition, only to be explained with difficulty, I cannot lose sight of the fact that he, being wrong in this point, the conclusion that he never could have been at sea at all inevitably follows—If he had been, we must suppose that, quick, inquiring, sagacious as he was ever ready to pick up even crumbs of information, he failed to pick up what every boy picks up at once, and what every one, sailor or passenger, *must* have picked up Shakespeare could not have been 'in the cabin' unless in a mere coasting craft, and the steerage passenger is even more bound than he 'in the cabin' to learn ships' hours if he would live A cabin passenger of that day was also more bound to attend to them than he is at present, when passenger ships have become floating hotels Take, first, the mere novelty and consequent curiosity At 8 A M he hears eight bells, at half-past eight, one bell, at nine, two bells, and so on Then at noon, when lunch is laid, and every one sharp set, some curious doings evidently cause delay At last the chief officer, touching his cap, says, 'Eight bells, sir' 'Make it so,' replies the captain. *Eight* bells are sounded, the watch below 'tumbles up' and relieves the other, and lunch is begun on the table But half-past twelve is again one bell, and one o'clock is sounded as two, &c Then, again, there is more cause of curiosity At every eight bells or four hours, and during the dog-watches, every two hours, the watches change, a noticeable time now, the boatswain whistles and calls loudly, and there is unusual bustle But at that date it was the more noticeable, for every watch was commenced with prayer and the singing of a psalm Besides, the curious landsman, transported to a wholly new world, and with, therefore, his curiosity and intelligence both awakened, if abaft the binnacle, or, in other words, a cabin passenger, could see and see handled the running or out-run glass, and hear the consequent cry of two (or so many) bells—But there was more than mere curiosity Those essential times of life, and especially of life at sea, the meal-times and the time of 'lights-out,' are all regulated by the glasses and their bells If one would live he must learn and obey them Are we to suppose that Shakespeare never asked for and never received the simple explanation We reckon by periods of four hours, a watch, and every half-hour is noted?—Hence my conviction that Shakespeare, having on two occasions, and on the second persistently, and late in life, made the mistake that the seaman's hour-glass, like the landsman's hour-glass, marked an hour's length, never could have been at sea

* As noticed by P A Daniel, in his *Time Analysis*, p 119 'Alonso's "three hours," followed shortly by the Boatswain's "three glasses," must decide this measure of time for *The Tempest* to be a one-hour glass' As he also notes, the pilot's glass in *All's Well* is a two-hour glass

Is tyte, and yare, and brauely 11g'd, as when 267
 We first put out to Sea
Ar Sir, all this seruice
 Haue I done since I went 270
Pro My tricksey Spirit
Alo These are not naturall euens, they strengthen 272

267 *tyte*] *tite* F₄

269-271 [Aside Cap

272 *euens*] See Commentary267 *yare*] See I, 1, 8

271 *tricksey*] There can be scarcely a better commentator than Cotgrave, who gives '*Nettelet m ette f* Prettie and neat, minion, briske, smug, trickesie, smirke'

272 *euens*] This is one of the proofs that, of old, typographical errors were corrected while a work was actually going through the press Staunton called attention in *The Athenæum* (16 Nov '72) to this word, which is thus spelt, so he stated, 'in Lord Ellesmere's copy, in Sir Henry Dryden's, and in that formerly belonging to Steevens, while in Mr Grenville's copy, in Mr Cracherode's, and in that of the King's Library in the British Museum, the word is correctly printed *events*' Two other variations occur on this same page of the Folio, 'Who' in line 338, and 'Ifle,' line 340 In both instances, according to Staunton, there occurs the same distinction in the copies just mentioned, the three former read 'Who' and 'Ifle,' and the three latter read *Why* and *Ifle* It is needless to remark that my copy, from which the present text is printed with all the accuracy at my command, agrees with the three former, the uncorrected, and, therefore, earlier copies, as does also Staunton's own Photolithograph The Reprint of 1808 and Booth's Reprint follow the corrected copies, and most probably the Cambridge Editors used one of these copies, they make no note of a *varia lectio* In collating the Reprint of 1808 with an original, Upcott probably used one of these later copies, these three variations could hardly have escaped him had he not, he records only four misprints in this play in the Reprint (Let me add parenthetically, that prefixed to Upcott's MS, which happens to be in my possession, there is the following MS note by Dawson Turner 'The contents of the following pages are the result of 145 days' close attention by a very industrious man. The knowledge of such a task having been undertaken and completed caused some alarm among the booksellers, who had expended a considerable sum of money upon the Reprint of Shakespeare, of which this MS discloses the numerous errors. Fearful, therefore, lest this should be published, they made many overtures for the purchase of it, and at length Mr Upcott was induced to part with it to I and A. Arch, from whom he expected a handsome remuneration He received a single copy of the reprint' It is pleasant to recall that Campbell toasted Napoleon for having once shot a bookseller.) Of course it follows that the uncorrected copies were struck off before the corrected copies, and might be therefore termed the earlier But the extremest caution should mark every statement connected with Shakespeare, how remote soever. In this particular instance, my copy of the Folio is earlier than that used by the Cambridge Editors. In six instances in *As You Like It* their copy is earlier than mine This fact, which is at first somewhat confusing, is to be explained, I think, when we remember that the volume was set up piecemeal by an indefinite number of journeymen printers, and struck off on at least four

From strange, to stranger. say, how came you hither? 273
Bot. If I did thinke, Sir, I were well awake,
 I'd striue to tell you: we were dead of sleepe, 275
 And (how we know not) all clapt vnder hatches,
 Where, but euen now, with strange, and feuerall noyses
 Of roring, shreeking, howling, gingling chaines,
 And mo diuerfitie of sounds, all horrible.
 We were awak'd · straight way, at liberty, 280
 Where we, in all our trim, freshly beheld
 Our royall, good, and gallant Ship: our Master
 Capring to eye her: on a trice, fo pleafe you, 283

275 *of sleepe*] *a-sleep* Pope+ *asleep*
 Cap Steev '85, Mal *on sleep* Var
 276 *vnder*] *under the* Hunter
 279 *mo*] F₂, Wrt, Cam 11 *moe* F₃, F₄,
 Dtn *more* Rowe et cet

281 *Where*] *When* Dyce 11, 111, Huds
our trim] Ff, Rowe, Pope, Knt
her trim Thirlby (Nich 111 11) Theob
 et cet

different presses At the heads of Heminge and Condell anathemas are frequently hurled for the misprints in the First Folio, but very mistakenly If we turn to the last page of that book, we shall find at the bottom 'Printed at the Charges of W Jaggard, Ed Blount, I Smithweeke, and W Aspley, 1623' How many journeymen these four stationers employed we shall probably never know. Each journeyman may have carried his work home to his own house The upshot of it all is, that when we are dealing with a book whereof it is conceivable that almost every page may represent a different edition, all collation must be restricted to certain specified copies Any attempt beyond this, to be perfect, would involve nothing less than a collation of every copy of the First Folio in existence, which reduces the whole subject to puerility and caricature—Ed

275 *of sleepe*] ABBOTT, § 168 'Of,' meaning *from*, passes naturally into the meaning *resulting from, as a consequence of* [As in the present instance, and in many others given by Abbott In the old Variorum days much discussion arose over this 'of,' which Malone changed to *on*]

281 *Where*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*), unaware that he had been anticipated by Dyce, proposed *When*, because there had been no change of place on the part of the men—they were still on board ship When roused from sleep, *where* they had been confined, *then* they saw the renovation of their vessel

281. *our trim*] KNIGHT will not accept Thirlby's emendation of '*her trim*' '*Our trim*' he says, 'expresses what Ariel had mentioned in the First Act "On their sustaining garments not a blemish"'—KEIGHTLEY asserts that 'we must of course read *her* It was probably caused by the "Our" in the next line, but from similarity of pronunciation "our" is sometimes confounded with *her* and *a*'

281. *freshly beheld*] That is, beheld her fresh and fair

283 *Capring*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) Hardly, I think, capering (i e running) for the purpose of eyeing her, for he, with the rest, was actually on board the ship, out, rather, just as we say 'I'm rejoiced to see you' = 'I'm rejoiced at seeing you,' so the Master fairly *capered* (danced with joy) *at seeing* the ship in such perfect trim.

Euen in a dreame, were we diuided from them,
And were brought moaping hither. 285

Ar. Was't well done ?

Pro. Brauely (my diligence) thou shalt be free.

Alo. This is as strange a Maze, as ere men trod,
And there is in this bufineffe, more then nature
Was euer conduct of. some Oracle 290
Must rectifie our knowledge.

Pro. Sir, my Leige,
Doe not infest your minde, with beating on
The strangeneffe of this bufineffe, at pickt leisure
(Which shall be shortly singled) I'lle resolute you, 295

284 *them*] *her* Ktly conj

285 *moaping*] *F*₂ *moping* *F*₃¹₄

286, 287 [*Aside Cap*

288 *Alo*] *Ar* *Ff*

292 *Leige*] *F*₂ *Liege* *F*₃¹₄

293 *infest*] *infest* *F*₂, Rowe 1

294 *leisure*] *seisure* *F*₂ *seisure* *F*₃¹₄

295 *shortly single*] *shortly*, *single*

Rowe 11 et seq *shortly singled*) Theob
conj *shortly*, *singly* Orger

283 on a trice] SKEAT (*Dict s v*) The whole phrase is borrowed from the Spanish *Span tris*, noise made by the breaking of glass, also a trice, a short time, an instant, *venir en un tris*, to come in an instant The word *tris* is imitative Not to be confused with Mid Eng *treus*, which is of quite another origin Wedgwood well compares the Low Scotch, *in a crack*, with the Spanish phrase

285 moaping] W A WRIGHT. To 'mope' is, originally, to be dim-sighted, but is applied to dullness of sense generally—ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*). Depressed and moping, because suddenly interrupted in the midst of their rejoicing, separated from their companions, and 'enforced' (*anté*, 113) to go, whither they knew not, by some irresistible, supernatural power.

290 conduct] For *conductor*, as in *Rom & Jul* 'Come bitter conduct, come unsavoury guide'—ALLEN (*Phila. Sh Soc*) The meaning of 'conduct' here must be determined, apparently, by considering it in connection with the word 'maze'—to which 'rectify' also has evident reference 'This is a *maze* in which *nature* cannot be a competent *conductor*; and therefore we must resort to a *divine* source—to an *oracle*—for the knowledge how to go right in it'

293 infest] Cotgrave '*Infester*. To infest, annoy, molest, rauage, wast,' &c

295 single] The misprint of including this word in the parenthesis was early detected, and ROWE'S change has never been, I believe, gainsaid WARBURTON and CAPELL understand 'single' as referring to 'my Liege,' and meaning 'to you alone, in private, because the conspiracy against him of his brother Sebastian and of his own brother Antonio, would make part of the relation,' And this is, I think, the true meaning, although W A. WRIGHT understands the word as referring to Prospero, and paraphrases it 'by myself', and DELIUS suggests that it is used adverbially for *singly*, that is, one by one, which is a little superfluous; it would be somewhat in the nature of an oration if he were to address them all at once.—HALLIWELL (p 62) greatly doubts the propriety of placing a comma after 'shortly.' 'The word "single" may be used,' he says, 'in a somewhat peculiar sense.'—ED.

(Which to you shall seeme probable) of euery 296
 These happend accidents: till when, be cheerefull
 And thinke of each thing well Come hither Spirit,
 Set *Caliban*, and his companions free
 Vntye the Spell: How fares my gracious Sir? 300
 There are yet missing of your Companie
 Some few odde Lads, that you remember not
Enter Ariell, druing in Caliban, Stephano, and
Trinculo in their folne Apparell
Ste. Euery man shift for all the rest, and let 305

298-300 *Come Spell*] Aside Cap
 302 Scene VI Pope+

305-307 Lines run on, Pope et
 seq

296 Which seeme probable] JOHNSON These words seem, at the first view, to have no use, some lines are perhaps lost with which they were connected Or we may explain them thus 'I will resolve you by yourself, which method, when you hear the story [of Anthonio's and Sebastian's plot], shall seem probable, that is, shall deserve your approbation'—ANONYMOUS Surely Prospero's meaning is 'I will relate to you the means by which I have been enabled to accomplish these ends, which means, though they now appear strange and improbable, will then appear otherwise'—HALLIWELL This parenthetical sentence is to be understood after the word 'accidents' 'I will explain to you the history of every one of these strange events, so that you shall be perfectly satisfied of their occurrence and probability'—ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) 'Which' refers to the noun 'resolution' involved in the verb 'resolve,' i. e. there is a *constructio ad sensum* 'Seem' (as in I, ii, 5) is stronger than in current English it is equal to 'appear,' 'be shewn to be' (like the Greek *φανομαι* in the passive) 'Probable' (by what Walker calls Shakespeare's incorrect use of words) here means 'proved' (*probatum*, not *probabile*) 'I will make a resolution (or explanation) which shall be seen by you to have been completely made out and proved' [I think Allen goes a little further than is necessary in holding 'probable' to mean *proved*. It seems to me quite sufficient that Prospero's resolution should appear 'probable' to Alonso, especially if we take 'seem' in its strongest sense—ED.]

296 euery] See ABBOTT, § 12, for instances where 'the adjectives, *all, each, both, every, other*, are sometimes interchanged and used as pronouns in a manner different from modern usage'

297 happend] W A WRIGHT For a similar use of the participle, see Bacon's *Advancement of Learning*, i, 8, § 1 (ed Wright, p 67) 'To accept of nothing but examined and tried,' that is, that which is examined and tried

305 Euery . rest] This drunken perversion MEIKLEJOHN takes seriously, and observes 'If in the infinite complexity of human life Shakespeare ever sought for what is called a *moral*, this would be the moral of the play, and it is significant of Shakespeare's art that he puts it into the mouth of one of the lowest characters in it Even *his* brain has been permeated by the plain meaning of these strange events The *external* "is but fortune and chance", conduct and fidelity everything' Elsewhere he says that Shakespeare uses 'nuptial' eight times in the singular, and 'only

No man take care for himselfe, for all is
But fortune *Coragio* Bully-Monster *Corafio*. 306

Tr If thefe be true spies which I weare in my head,
here's a goodly fight

Cal. O *Setebos*, thefe be braue Spirits indeede : 310
How fine my Maſter is? I am afraid
He will chaſtiſe me.

Seb. Ha, ha.
What things are thefe, my Lord *Anthonio*?
Will money buy 'em? 315

Ant. Very like: one of them
Is a plaine Fiſh, and no doubt marketable

Pro. Marke but the badges of thefe men, my Lords,
Then ſay if they be true. This miſhapen knaue, 319

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| 307 <i>Corafio</i>] <i>F</i> ₂ | <i>Knt</i> , <i>Coll</i> <i>Hal</i> <i>Wh</i> 1 |
| 310 <i>Setebos</i>] <i>Setebus</i> <i>F</i> ₄ | 319 <i>miſhapen</i>] <i>mis-shap'd</i> <i>Pope</i> +, |
| 315 'em'] <i>them</i> <i>Cap</i> <i>Steev</i> <i>Mal</i> <i>Var</i> | <i>Huds</i> |

five times in the plural, number', and again that 'in the Folio Edition [the Epilogue] is printed on a separate page'

312 *chastise*] *WALKER* (*Crit* III, 8) Write 'He'll chāstise me,' according to Shakespeare's uniform pronunciation (if I mistake not) So, also, *Tro & Cress* V, v 'Tell her, I have chastis'd the amorous Trojan' Write 'I've chāstised' It is frequently written *chāstice*, so *chastisement*, in *Solyman and Perseda*, G 3, p 1, *chastisement* We find this pronunciation earlier, Surrey has, ed 1831, p 93 'By folk of power what cruel works unchastised were done' Not that *chastise* was unknown in Shakespeare's time [Here follow examples from Heywood and Rowley]

316, 317 *WALKER* (*Crit* I, 21) I do not feel quite certain that Anthonio's speech ought not to be printed as prose

318 *badges*] *Stephano* and *Trinculo* are frequently referred to, erroneously, as sailors, even *Capell* so speaks of them in the next note This word alone indicates their character, household servants usually wore on their arms, as a part of their livery, silver 'badges,' whereon the shield of their masters was engraved.—*ED*

319 *true*] *JOHNSON*. That is, honest. A *true* man is, in the language of that time, opposed to a *thief* The sense is 'Mark what these men wear, and say if they are honest' [An interpretation which is scarcely helpful, *Capell*'s is perhaps better, which implies in this address to *Sebastian* and *Anthonio* 'a decent reproof, putting them indirectly upon a comparison of their own usurpations with the sailors' thievery'—*Sebastian* has just asked what these creatures were, may it not be that *Prospero* here, by way of answer, tells him to examine their badges and see if they are genuine and if he recognises them? That is, 'they' refers to 'badges,' and not to 'these men.'—*ED*.]

319 *miſhapen*] *WALKER* (*Crit* III, 9) conjectured *mis-shap'd*; *ABBOTT* said, § 460, with 'great probability,' both of them unaware that it was *Pope*'s reading a hundred and fifty years ago.—*ED*

His Mother was a Witch, and one fo strong 320
 That could controle the Moone ; make flowes, and ebs,
 And deale in her command, without her power 322

322 *And power*] *And its power* 322 *without*] *with all* Coll II, III
deal in her command withal Herr (MS)

320 His Mother] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) It may be a question whether the words 'this misshapen knave' are used *absoluité* (as the grammarians say) = 'as for this misshapen knave,' or whether 'knave' do not, with the 'his' at the beginning of the next line, make a real genitive = 'this misshapen knave's mother' Such a genitive was (of course) by no means strange to Shakespeare Cf *Sonn* IV 'Nor Mars —his sword nor war's quick fire,' &c

320, 321 so . That] For other examples of *so* followed by the relative *that*, see ABBOTT, § 279

320 strong] REED In our ancient *Reports* are several cases where persons [who had been falsely accused of being witches] sought redress in court And it is remarkable in all of them that to the scandalous imputation of being 'witches,' the term 'a strong one' is constantly added In Mich T 9, Car I, the point was settled [inter alia] that the epithet 'strong' did not enforce the other words See I Viner, 422

321 Moone] DOUCE (I, 26) In II, I, 189 Gonzalo says, 'You would lift the moon out of her sphere' In Adlington's trans of *Apuleius*, 1596, a book well known to Shakespeare, a marginal note says, 'Witches in old time were supposed to be of such power that they could pul downe the moone by their inchauntment', and see Scot's *Discoverie*, pp 174, 226, 227, 250 [BR NICHOLSON, in his ed of Scot, calls attention to a similar allusion on p 10 Douce gives many references to Greek and Latin authors where this belief in the power of witchcraft is expressed]

322 without her power] MALONE He who 'deals in the command,' or, in other words, executes the office of another, is termed his lieutenant or vicegerent, and is usually authorised and commissioned to act by his superior Prospero, therefore, I think, means to say that Sycorax could control the moon, and act as her vicegerent, without being commissioned, authorised, or *empowered* by her so to do If Sycorax was *strong* enough as by her art to cause the sea to ebb, 'when the next star of Heaven meditated to make it flow,' she in this 'respect' might be said to control her [In all his editions DYCE holds that Malone has thus rightly explained the passage] —COLLIER (ed II) The MS puts an end to the difficulty, telling us that 'without,' as we can well suppose, was a blunder for *with all*, Sycorax dealt in the command of the moon '*with all* her power' in making ebbs and flows' —KNIGHT (ed II, replying to Collier) But how is the difficulty, if any, removed? To 'control the moon' is to interfere with the general action of the moon The moon makes 'flows and ebbs' according to natural laws If Sycorax by her witchcraft would 'deal' in the moon's 'command' by an occasional suspension of natural laws, it could not be said that she possessed *all the power* of the moon Sycorax exercised, locally and exceptionally, the office of the moon, but *without her power* as a universal cause of the tidal action —LETTSON (*Blackwood's Maga* Aug 1853) By 'power' we are here to understand *legitimate* authority [see Walker's note, *post*], and of this Sycorax has none. By means of her spells and counter-natural incantations she could make ebbs and flows, and thus wielded to some extent the lunar influences, but she had none of that rightful and natural dominion over the tides of the ocean which belongs only

These three haue robd me, and this demy-diuell ; 323
 (For he's a bastard one) had plotted with them
 To take my life · two of these Fellowes, you 325
 Muft know, and owne, this Thing of darkeness, I
 Acknowledge mine.

Cal. I shall be pincht to death.

Alo. Is not this *Stephano*, my drunken Butler?

Seb He is drunke now , 330
 Where had he wine?

Alo. And *Trinculo* is reeling ripe . where should they
 Finde this grand Liquor that hath gilded 'em ? 333

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| 323 | <i>three</i>] <i>two</i> Wilson | 333 | <i>Liquor</i>] ' <i>luxir</i> Theob Han |
| 326 | <i>know</i>] <i>known</i> F ₄ | Warb | Cap |
| 330, 331 | Lines run on, Pope et | | <i>gilded</i>] ' <i>gilded</i> Wilson |
| seq | | | <i>'em</i>] <i>them</i> Cap Steev Mal. Var |
| 331 | <i>Where</i>] <i>but how? where</i> Han | Knt, Hal | |

to the moon Our verdict, therefore, is in favour of the old reading [as opposed to Collier's MS] —WALKER (*Crit* III, 9) 'Power' is here used in its original and etymological sense of *power* or *pouvoir*, *potestas*, not *vis*, what we now call *authority*, or *legal power* —STAUNTON (in a note on *Mid N D* IV, 1, 150 'Without the peril of Athenian law') That is, *beyond* the peril, &c 'Without' in this sense occurs repeatedly in Shakespeare and the books of his age [In *The Tempest*] '*without* her power' means *beyond* her power, or *sphere*, as I am strongly inclined to think the poet wrote Thus, too, in Jonson's *Cynthia's Revels*, I, iv 'Oh, now I apprehend you, your phrase was *Without* me before' [This note of Staunton seems to me decisive, — although Dyce (*Gloss* s v 'deal') believes it to be 'quite erroneous' —W A WRIGHT, corroborating Staunton, adds from *2 Corinthians* x, 13. 'But we will not boast of things beyond our measure' And Chapman, *Bussy D'Ambois* (*Works*, II, 65) 'Not I, it is a worke, without my power' —ED]

323 demy-diuell] ALLEN (*Phila, Sh Soc*) The train of thought in Prospero's mind I take to be this 'The misshapen knave, whom *you* suppose to be a mere monster I call a demi-devil, because he really *is* half a devil, as being the bastard progeny of Satan and Sycorax' To indicate this, the verb 'is' must receive an emphasis It cannot, therefore, stand (as in F₁) 'he's,' but must be written 'he is' The stress on 'demi-devil,' also, is not on 'demi,' but on 'devil', and that on 'bastard' is purely secondary — what some elocutionists call the *circumflex*

332 reeling ripe] W A WRIGHT Compare 'weeping ripe,' *Love's L L* V, II, 274: 'The king was weeping-ripe for a good word' And Sidney's *Arcadia* (ed 1598), I, p 61. 'But Lalus (even weeping ripe) went among the rest' See also Beau and Fl, *Woman's Prize*, I, I 'Being drunk and tumbling ripe' And in the same play, II, I 'He's like little children That lose their baubles, crying ripe'

333. grand Liquor] WARBURTON · Shakespeare, to be sure, wrote 'grand '*luxir*,' alluding to the *grand Elixir* of the alchemists which they pretend would restore youth and confer immortality This, as they said, being a preparation of gold, they called *Aurum potabile*, which Shakespeare alluded to in the word 'gilded,' as he does again

How cam'ft thou in this pickle ?

Tr I haue bin in fuch a pickle fince I faw you laft, 335
That I feare me will neuer out of my bones
I fhall not feare fly-blowing.

Seb. Who how now *Stephano* ?

Ste O touch me not, I am not *Stephano*, but a Cramp.

Pro You'd be King o'the Ifle, Sirha ? 340

Ste. I fhould haue bin a fore one then.

Alo This is a ftrange thing as ere I look'd on. 342

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| 335, 337 | Lines run on, Pope, Theob | 341 'then] Om Han |
| et seq | | 342 This is a ftrange] 'Tis a ftrange |
| 335 | in laft] One line, Han | F ₃ F ₄ , Rowe, Pope, Theob Warb Johns |
| 338 | Who] See note on <i>euens</i> , line 272. | This is as ftrange a Cap Knt, Ktly, Dyce |
| 340 | o'the] o' th' F ₃ F ₄ | 11, 111, Huds |
| | Ifle] See note on <i>euens</i> , line 272 | ere I] I ever Han |

in *Ant & Cleop* I, v, 37 [Warburton here goes on to show by several quotations that *Elixir* seems to have been a cant name for *sack*, and hereby convinces Capell, who adopted the emendation — STEEVENS very fensibly remarks 'As the alchymists' *Elixir* was fuppofed to be a liquor, the old reading may ftand, and the allufion holds good without any alteration' That 'gilded' meant drunk may be feen by referring to Nares or to Dyce, the former fupports Warburton's fuppofition that it may contain an allufion to the *Aurum potable*]

337 fly-blowing] STEEVENS. *Pickling* preserves meat from 'fly-blowing'

339 *Stephano*] WARBURTON In reading this play, I all along fufpected that Shakespeare had taken it from fome Italian writer, the unities being all fo regularly obferved, which no dramatic writers but the Italian obferved fo early as our author's time, and which Shakespeare has obferved nowhere but in this play Besides, the perfons of the drama are all Italians I was much confirmed in my fufpicion when I came to this place It is plain a joke is intended, but where it lies is hard to fay I fufpect there was a quibble in the original which ran thus 'I am not *Stephano*, but *Staffilato*' *Staffilato* fignifying, in Italian, a man well lashed or flayed, which was the real cafe of thefe varlets, fee IV, i, 204 In Riccoboni's Catalogue of Italian plays are thefe 'Il Negromante di L. Ariosto, profa e verfo,' & 'Il Negromante Palliato di Gio-Angelo Petrucci, profa' But whether *The Tempest* be borrowed from either of thefe, not having feen them, I cannot fay [This note, with its remarkable conjecture, would not have been repeated here, were it not for its fuggestion of a fuppofed fource of the plot of the play, to which fubfequent critics have referred HEATH remarks for 'the reader's fatisfaction' that he has read Ariosto's *Negromante*, and that it 'hath not the leaft refemblance to this play, either in the fable or in any other refpect whatfoever As to Petrucci's piece, the very book quoted by Mr Warburton might have informed him that it was not printed till 1642, many years after Shakespeare's death' See Appendix, 'Source of the Plot']

341 a fcore one] STEEVENS The fame quibble occurs in *a Hen VI*. IV, vii, 9
Mass, 'twill be fcore law then, for he was thruft in the mouth with a fpear and 'tis not whole yet'

342 is a ftrange] ABBOTT, § 276. In the cafe of *as* *as*, the firft *as* is fome

Pro He is as disproportion'd in his Manners 343
As in his shape Goe Sirha, to my Cell,
Take with you your Companions as you looke 345
To haue my pardon, trim it handsomely

Cal. I that I will · and Ile be wise hereafter,
And seeke for grace · what a thrice double Assè
Was I to take this drunkard for a god ?
And worship this dull foole ? 350

Pro. Goe to, away. (found it.

Alo Hence, and bestow your luggage where you

Seb. Or stole it rather.

Pro. Sir, I inuite your Highnesse, and your traine
To my poore Cell where you shall take your rest 355
For this one night, which part of it, Ile waite
With such discourse, as I not doubt, shall make it
Goe quicke away · The story of my life,
And the particular accidents, gon by
Since I came to this Isle · And in the morne 360
I'll bring you to your ship, and so to *Naples*,
Where I haue hope to see the nuptiall
Of these our deere-belou'd, solemnized,
And thence retire me to my *Millaunc*, where 364

356 *which part*] *which, part* Rowe
et seq

362. *nuptiall*] *Nuptials* Ff, Rowe+,
Cap.

363 *below'd, solemnized*] *belov'd sol-*
lemniz'd Rowe+, Cap Steev Mal Knt,
Coll Clke

times omitted [as here To the instances given by Abbott add *Ham* I, ii, 70 'Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,' and II, ii, 206 'You should be old as I am if, like a crab,' &c, and *Mer of Ven* V, i, 105 'A substitute shines brightly as a king' Similar instances are worth noting, because through forgetfulness of this idiom Dyce and other Shakespeare scholars here needlessly deserted the Folio — ED.]

357 *not doubt*] See II, i, 122, if need be

362. *nuptiall*] W A WRIGHT Shakespeare always uses the singular form, except in *Othello*, II, ii, 8, where, however, 'nuptials' is the reading of the Q1 only, and *Pericles*, V, iii, 80

363. *solemnized*] BOSWELL *Solemnized* was the accentuation of the time So in *Love's L L* II, i, 41 'Of Jaques Falconbridge *solemnized*' — GRANT WHITE So, also, Milton, on the only occasion where the participle is used in his poems: 'Ev'ning and Morn solemniz'd the Fifth day' — Bk vii, 448 — CAMBRIDGE EDITION 'Solemnized' occurs in four other verse passages of Shakespeare It is three times to be accented *solemnized*, and once [as in the line cited by Boswell]

364. *retire me*] See ABBOTT, § 296, for examples of other verbs besides this which were used by Shakespeare reflexively, but are now intransitive.

Euery third thought shall be my graue 365

Alo. I long

To heare the story of your life ; which must
Take the eare strangely.

Pro I'll deliuer all,

And promise you calme Seas, auspicious gales, 370

And faile, so expeditious, that shall catch

Your Royall fleete farre off My *Ariel* ; chicke

That is thy charge : Then to the Elements

Be free, and fare thou well : please you draw neere.

Exeunt omnes. 375

368 *strangely*] F.

371 *that shall*] *it shall* Han

372 *Ariel, chicke*] *Ariel,—chick,—*

Johns

371 so . . . *that*] ALLEN (*Phila Sh Soc*) It is certainly thoroughly Shakespearean to leave the 'it' (= 'sail' or a 'sailing') to be understood, yet it is also quite probable that he actually wrote 'it,' but that the scribe who took down the words of the 'copy' from dictation did not distinguish the second *t*-sound from that which preceded it as the final mute of 'that' Perhaps, therefore, we should either write 'that' with an apostrophe (*that'*) upon the system (partially carried out) of F₁, or insert the 'it' (in full or abbreviated) at once 'that it shall catch' or 'that 't shall catch' [While it is not unlikely that Allen is here right, and that this is an instance of that absorption which he was the earliest, I think, to develop from Walker's rule, yet we must not lose sight of the fact that after *so* Shakespeare uses *that* as a relative, whereof we had an instance in line 320 'One so strong That could control,' &c — ED]

373 *Elements*] KEIGHTLEY · I confidently read *element*, that is, air, his return to which had been already promised him

375 COLLIER · It may be doubted whether the other actors went out or 'drew near' to Prospero while he spoke the Epilogue . . . The stage-direction in the Folio is 'Exeunt omnes,' as if Prospero himself also withdrew and possibly returned

EPILOGUE,

spoken by *Prospero*.

Now my Charms are all ore-throwne,
And what strength I haue's mine owne.

1, 2 advancing Cap

3 Now] Now now F₃F₄

2 Prospero] Prosper F₃F₄.

I Epilogue] GRANT WHITE (ed 1) No one conversant with its history need be told that the Prologues and Epilogues of the English Drama are generally written by other persons than the authors of the plays themselves. It would be strange indeed were Shakespeare's an exception to this general rule, surrounded as he was with verse-writing friends, and his dramas having been written not as literary performances, but as acting plays, to become the absolute property of the theatre in which he was shareholder and actor. But it needs not these considerations to sustain the conclusion that some of the Epilogues which appear in the First Folio were certainly not written by Shakespeare, and that among them is the Epilogue of *The Tempest*. Let any one who has found that he can trust his ear for rhythm and his comparative appreciation of style read the Epilogue carefully and judge. Did Shakespeare write, 'And what strength I have's mine own, *Which is most faint* now 'tis true,' &c? Could he have written, 'Gentle breath of yours, my sails Must fill, or else my project fails, *Which was to please* Now I want,' &c? Ben Jonson might have written this clumsy verse, John Bunyan could have done it easily had he been alive and willing, but Shakespeare? It is not necessary to dwell upon the poor and commonplace thoughts of which the Epilogue is entirely composed, though these confirm the judgment which the miserable and eminently un-Shakespearian rhythm compels. Will any one familiar with his works believe, that after writing such a play, he would write an Epilogue in which the feeble, trite ideas are confined within stiff couplets, or else carried into the middle of a third line, and there left in helpless consternation, like an awkward booby, who suddenly finds himself alone in the centre of a ball room?—It is to be noticed, too, that the speaker in this Epilogue asks the help of his hearers' hands, to free him from the bands of necromancy, and again, their prayers, to save him from despair, which puts the commentators to the trouble of [an explanation]. Now, setting aside the fact that Prospero was a mighty master of his art, and had power *over* devils, being in no degree subject to them,—which Shakespeare could not have forgotten,—Prospero, at the end of Act V, is no longer a magician, he has himself dissolved the enchantments of the island, and is but as other men. His petitions are well enough for such an Epilogue as might have been written by any one for theatrical purposes, but absurd when we suppose them put into his mouth by the author of *The Tempest*. It seems plain that this Epilogue was written for the theatre by some person other than Shakespeare, and an examination of that to *Henry VIII* can hardly fail to convince the reader that they are from the same pen. [White

Which is most faint: now 't is true 5
I must be here confinde by you
Or sent to Naples, Let me not
Since I haue my Dukedome got,
And pardon'd the decemer, dwell
In this bare Island, by your Spell, 10
But release me from my bands
With the helpe of your good hands
Gentle breath of yours, my Sailes
Must fill, or else my proiect failes,
Which was to please. Now I want 15
Spirits to enforce: Art to inchant,
And my ending is despaire,
Vnlesse I be relieu'd by prayer
Which pierces so, that it assaults
Mercy it selfe, and frees all faults. 20
As you from crimes would pardon'd be,
Let your Indulgence set me free. Exit. 22

5 now] and now P, ~ +

15. Now] For now Pope + Now
that Wagner conj

goes on to speak of the Epilogue to *Henry VIII* and to the *Second Part of Henry IV*, and of Dr Johnson's opinion, which, in regard to these, agrees with his own. He then gives the result of an examination of the way in which the Epilogues were printed in the Folio, and of the way in which *Exeunt* was placed before or after them, and this result is that] the player-editors have thus indicated as clearly as they could by typographical arrangement that the Epilogues to these three plays, *The Tempest*, *2 Hen IV*, and *Henry VIII*, were by some other hand than Shakespeare's. In the absence of the author's own testimony such a union of external and internal evidence must be accepted.

12 hands] JOHNSON. By your applause, by clapping hands — STEEVENS. Noise was supposed to dissolve a spell. So in *IV*, 1, 68 and 141, so also in *Macb* *IV*, 1.

18 praier] WARBURTON. This alludes to the old stories told of the despair of necromancers in their last moments, and of the efficacy of the prayers of their friends for them — JEPHSON. An allusion, I think, to the custom prevalent in Shakespeare's time of concluding the play by a prayer, offered up kneeling, for the sovereign. The whole thing is, therefore, merely a fanciful and graceful mode of saying that the play is over and of asking for the applause of the audience, after the fashion of the Roman dramatists.

20 Mercy it selfe] WALKER (*Crit* 11, 9). That is, the Almighty.

20 frees] ABBOTT, § 200, suggests that perhaps there is here the omission of a preposition, 'frees from all faults,' as in 'deprive your sovereignty of reason,' i.e. take away the controlling principle of reason.

A P P E N D I X

APPENDIX

THE TEXT

THERE is no dissenting voice to the opinion that THE TEXT of this play as it has come down to us in the Folio,—and there is no Quarto,—is of remarkable purity. It shares with *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, according to WALKER (*Crit* iii, 1), the excellence of being printed with more correctness than, perhaps, any other play in that volume. It would be needless to repeat here the many instances, to which, when they occurred, attention has been called in the notes, where, as indications of this correctness, abbreviations or elisions, for the sake of the rhythm, are marked by apostrophes, nay, in some instances, even the absorption of the final *r*-sound is thus marked, a rhythmical process which it was reserved for recent times fully to comprehend and elucidate.

It does not seem unlikely, considering the quality of the majority of Shakespeare's auditors, that his fame was greatest as a writer of Comedies. It may possibly have been, therefore, with a view to making the volume as attractive, and therefore as saleable, as possible, that Heminge and Condell, in arranging the order of the three groups, Histories, Tragedies, Comedies, put Comedies before the other two, and among the Comedies placed that Comedy first in order which they may possibly have thought (and who would not agree with them?) was first in charm, in beauty, in attractiveness.

With one exception, *The Tempest* is the shortest of all Shakespeare's plays. In a List of the Plays, prepared by Miss T. R. SMITH and Mr FURNIVALL (*New Shakespeare Society's Transactions*, 1880-85, Pt II, p. 37), where the plays are graded according to the number of lines, *Hamlet* leads with 3931 lines and *The Comedy of Errors* closes with 1778, immediately preceded by *The Tempest* with 2064.

For this brevity GRANT WHITE (ed. II) accounted by supposing that the text was abridged for Stage purposes, to this conjecture he was led by 'the suddenness of the action in some scenes', he adds, 'if there were a quarto copy of *The Tempest*, it 'would probably add quite as much to this play as the second quarto of *Hamlet* does 'to the text of that tragedy printed in the folio'.

FLEAY'S opinion coincides with Grant White's. 'This play,' says the former (*Sh's Life and Work*, p. 66), 'as we have it, has unfortunately been abridged for 'Court performances, probably by Beaumont in 1612 or 1613'.

This is quite possible. But we must remember at the same time, that a drama had to be confined within 'the two hours' traffic of our stage,' and in the case of *The Tempest* no little time must have been demanded for the proper handling of the unusual amount of stage machinery, required not only for the tempest in the First Act, but for the vanities of Prospero's art in the Fourth. These long 'waits' may possibly have made up for some of the deficiencies of the text.

Dr GARNETT (*Universal Rev.* Apr. 1889, p. 558) suggests 'two excellent and indeed imperative reasons' for this brevity, on the supposition that the play was writ

ten for representation at Court at a time of general festivity, viz 'the time of the 'monarch and his guests must not be unduly encroached upon, and the piece must 'not be on too large a scale to be written, rehearsed, and put on the stage with great 'expedition'

In Professor INGRAM's Table (*New Sh Soc Trans* Pt II, p 450, 1874) where the plays are arranged in the order of their proportion of Light Endings and Weak Endings, *Love's Labour's Lost* heads the list, and *The Tempest* is the twenty-ninth, followed by *Cymbeline*, *The Winter's Tale*, and *Henry the Eighth*, the last of all. The general agreement of this result, drawn from the text itself of the play, with what is accepted as the historic evidence of the date of composition, affords a proof of the value of these metrical investigations

THE DATE OF COMPOSITION

IN 1749 there appeared *An Attempte To Rescue that Aunciente, English Poet, And Play-Wrighte, Masster Wilhaume Shakespere, from the Maney Errors, faulselly charged on him, by Certaine New-fangled Wittes, And To let him Speak for Himself, as right well he wotteth, when Freedde from the many Careless Mistakeings, of The Heedless first Imprinters, of his Workes By a Gentleman formerly of Greys-Inn*

The 'Attempte' was restricted to the single play of *The Tempest*, 'the Gentleman of Greys-Inn' was one John HOLT, and the 'New-fangled Wittes' were THEOBALD and WARBURTON

It is hardly to be expected that a man who could announce himself to the public, tricked out in such fanciful frippery, would receive much notice from men like Warburton, an incipient Bishop, or like Theobald, a wide-read scholar, on whose hearth extreme poverty cast its subduing shadow. Nor did the public at large seem to have been much more interested than his victims, in the 'Gentleman of Greys Inn'. About a year after this 'Attempte' appeared, and after the public had had the privilege of judging of his powers, John Holt issued Proposals for a new edition of Shakespeare, with notes by himself. Apparently the public did not respond. The edition never appeared. And after all, it might have proved a respectable edition. To the great *crux* of *The Tempest* - 'most busy lest,' Holt suggested an emendation which stands second in the list of the recipients of popular approval. (Unfortunately by a misprint in the CAMBRIDGE EDITION, this emendation by Holt was attributed to Holt *White*, and to the latter accordingly has been generally given the fame.)

In this 'Attempte,' however, now before us, there is, as far as I know, the earliest conjecture in regard to the 'Date of the Composition' of *The Tempest*. In speaking of the Masque, in Act IV, where Juno sings 'Honour, riches, marriage-blessing,' &c, HOLT suggested that this Masque 'may perhaps give a Mark to guess at the time this 'play was wrote, it appearing to be a compliment intended by the Poet, on some 'particular solemnity of that kind, and if so, none more likely, than the contracting 'the young Earl of Essex, in 1606, with the Lady Frances Howard, which marriage 'was not attempted to be consummated, till the Earl returned from his travels four 'years afterwards, a circumstance which seems to be hinted at, in IV, i, 18, unless 'any one should choose to think it designed for the marriage of the Palsgrave with 'the Lady Elizabeth, King James's Daughter, in 1612. But the first seems to carry most weight with it as being a testimony of the Poet's gratitude to the then Lord

Southampton, a warm Patron of the Author's, and as zealous a friend to the Essex family. In either case, it will appear, 'twas one of the last Plays wrote by our Author, though it has stood the first, in all the printed editions since 1623, which Preheminence given it by the Players is no bad Proof of its being the last, this Author furnished them with'

It is quite impossible to determine from the foregoing passage the exact date to which Holt gives the preference, it may be 1606, when the marriage of Essex was contracted, or in 1610, when the Earl returned from his travels and lived with his wife, or it may be 1612. He tells us, however, further on (p. 62) that 'there is great reason to believe' that this play 'was not wrote till 1612, or 13, or, at the earliest, not till 1610, as has been observed' in the passage just quoted. 'And this,' adds Holt, 'will appear more probable, if it is considered that Ben Jonson, in the Introduction to his *Bartholomew Fair*, after having had a Fling at Shakespear's *Titus Andronicus* as an old Play, speaks of his *Winter's Tale*, and this Play, *The Tempest*, as recent performances'

When, in the course of his annotations, Holt comes to Prospero's warnings to Ferdinand, just before the Masque, he finds in these warnings evidence sufficient 'to fix the date of this play to the year 1614'. And this date, after having apparently wavered from 1610 to 1612 or '13, we may accept as his last and maturest conclusion.

The belief that Ben Jonson's *Bartholomew Fair* contained an allusion to *The Tempest* we owe originally to THEOBALD. In a note on 'servant monster,' a name which Stephano gives Caliban, Theobald says that he 'can't help taking notice of the virulence of Ben Jonson, who, in the Induction to his *Bartholomew Fair*, has endeavour'd to throw dirt, not only at this single character, but at this whole play'. "If there be never a Servant-Monster in the Fair, who can help it (he says), nor a nest of Anticks? He is loth to make nature afraid in his plays, like those that beget Tales, Tempests, and such like Drolleries, to mix his head with other men's heels". Theobald drew no inference, however, from this passage as to the date of the composition of *The Tempest*. That was reserved for almost every succeeding editor and critic.

The first attempt to ascertain the dates on which all of Shakespeare's plays were written, and to set them all forth in Chronological Order, was made by MALONE. There had been stray conjectures and assertions by editors and commentators in regard to separate plays, scattered here and there, throughout the notes on all the plays, and long before Malone published his *Chronology*, CAPELL had collected a store of facts bearing directly on the subject. But it is the date of publication which decides priority, and to Malone this priority unquestionably belongs; and, be it noted, so well did he accomplish the task that out of the thirty-five plays whose dates he supplied, ten have been undisturbed from his day down to the latest investigations, and in eight others the variations between Malone and *The New Shakespeare Society* amount to merely a year, or to a fraction of a year,—practically, a mathematical quantity so infinitely small that it may be neglected. Hence, for half of the plays of Shakespeare the dates have been, in reality, determined for us by Malone, and the determination of the dates of the other half furnishes, to this hour, an admirable field for Shakespearean critics, wherein to display their prowess in wrestling, in high jumping, in casting stones, and in putting hammers.

It was to Johnson and Steevens's *Variorum* of 1778 that Malone contributed

his 'Attempt to ascertain the Order in which the Plays of Shakespeare were written'—a noteworthy contribution of painstaking scholarship. It was, of course, re-issued in every subsequent *Variorum*, but each year new facts were brought to light, fresh allusions found either in the plays or in contemporary literature, involving a modification of the first list, so that the Order of the Plays, which, of course, involves their dates, as given in Malone's own edition of 1790, differs widely from that of his first draught, and the Order of his final list, in 1821, differs in turn from that of 1790. Whatever the changes, however, in the dates of other plays (which do not here immediately concern us), Malone's list, through all the *Variorums*, down to and including that of 1813, remained steadfast to the date of *The Tempest* as in 1612 (with *Twelfth Night* following and closing the list in 1614), but in the *Variorum* of 1821, where Malone's final conclusions are given, *The Tempest* appears as the last play of all, and its date is 1611.

Now, although it would be scarcely worth the price of the labour to record at length all the reasons which induced Malone in his successive editions to modify his conclusions, yet, seeing that, as the years went on, other commentators arose, who, denying some of Malone's dates, urged others of their own, it will be best to proceed historically and note the grounds which Malone first brought forward as fixing the date of this play, and how they were accepted or controverted by his successors.

In 1778, Malone (*Variorum*, vol. 1, p. 341) says as follows: 'Though some account of the Bermuda Islands, which are mentioned in this play, had been published (as Dr Farmer has observed), yet they were not generally known till Sir George Somers arrived there in 1609. *The Tempest* may be fairly attributed to a period subsequent to that year, especially as it exhibits such strong internal marks of having been a late production.

'The entry at Stationers' Hall does not contribute to ascertain the time of its composition, for it appears not on the Stationers' books, nor was it printed till 1623, when it was published with the rest of our author's plays in Folio, in which edition, having, I suppose by mere accident, obtained the first place, it has ever since preserved a station to which it indubitably is not entitled.' Malone assumes, by the way, that the compilers of the Folio were bound to print the plays in the order in which they were written.

'As the circumstance, from which this piece receives its name, is at an end in the very first scene, and as many other titles, all equally proper, might have occurred to Shakespeare (such as *The Enchanted Island*—*The Banished Duke*—*Ferdinand* and *Miranda*, &c.), it is possible, that some particular and recent event determined him to call it *The Tempest*. It appears from Stowe's Chronicle, p. 913, that in the October, November, and December of the year 1612, a dreadful tempest happened in England, "which did exceeding great damage, with extreme shipwreck throughout the ocean." "There perished" (says the historian) "above an hundred ships in the space of two hours." Several pamphlets were published on this occasion, decorated with prints of sinking vessels, castles toppling on their warders' heads, the devil overturning steeples, &c. One of them, describing the appearance of the waves of Dover, says, "the whole seas appeared like a fiery world, all sparkling red." Another of these narratives recounted the escape of Edmond Pet, a sailor, whose preservation appears to have been no less marvellous than that of Trinculo or Stephano, and so great a terror did this tempest create in the minds of the people, that a form of prayer was ordered on the occasion, which is annexed to one of the publications above mentioned.

'There is reason to believe that some of our author's dramas obtained their names from the seasons at which time they were produced. It is not very easy to account for the title of *Twelfth Night*, but by supposing it to have been first exhibited in the Christmas holidays. Neither the title of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, nor that of *The Winter's Tale* denotes the season of the action, the events which are the subject of the latter occurring at the time of sheep shearing, and the dream from which the former receives its name happening on the night preceding May-day. These titles, therefore, were probably suggested by the season at which the plays were exhibited, to which they belong, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* having, we may presume, been first represented in June, and *The Winter's Tale* in December.

'Perhaps, then, it may not be thought a very improbable conjecture, that this Comedy was written in the summer of 1612, and produced on the stage in the latter end of that year, and that the author availed himself of a circumstance, then fresh in the minds of his audience, by affixing a title to it which was more likely to excite curiosity than any other he could have chosen, while at the same time it was sufficiently justified by the subject of the drama.'

Malone hereupon refers to Steevens's citation, at IV, i, 173, of a passage from Sterling's *Darius*, which was first printed in 1603, and asserts his belief that 'Shakespeare borrowed from Lord Sterline. The date which [Holt] has assigned to this play (1614) is certainly too late, for it appears from the MSS of Mr Vertue, that *The Tempest* was acted by John Hemming and the rest of the King's company before Prince Charles, and Lady Elizabeth, and the Prince Palatine Elector, in the beginning of the year 1613.

'The names of Trinculo and Antonio, two of the characters in this comedy, are likewise found in that of *Alumazar*, which was first printed in 1614, but it is supposed by Dryden to have appeared some years earlier.'

Malone, as we have just seen, refers to 'the MSS of Mr Vertue' as conclusive authority in the matter of dates. It is worth while to make a short digression here in order to see what these MSS were. The calm assurance with which they were brought forward as a *deus ex machina* seems to have annoyed a critic named Chalmers, who particularly objected to having his fine spun theories coolly brushed aside by this unknown and yet supreme authority, he, therefore, made inquiries (*Supplemental Apology*, p. 463), with the result that he was informed by Steevens, that the MS book, from which the irritating extracts were taken, and which were often cited by Malone, as well as by Steevens himself, as 'the Vertue MSS, had belonged, with several others lost, to Secretary Pepys, and afterward to Dr Rawlinson, who lent them to Mr Vertue. There is a MS note, subjoined to the MSS of Vertue, which 'about thirty years ago were lent to Mr Steevens by Mr Garrick.' Among the MS books thus referred to, there was, according to Peter Cunningham, a volume of Langbaine with Oldys's MS notes. These notes, it appears, were copied by Dr Percy, his transcript copied by Steevens, whose transcript was again copied into an interleaved Langbaine by Joseph Haslewood. From this final transcript the items referring to Shakespeare's plays were printed by Peter Cunningham for The Shakespeare Society (*Papers*, vol. II, 123), under the title 'Plays acted at Court, Anno 1613 (from the 'Accounts of Lord Harrington, Treasurer of the Chamber to King James I). There are but eight items, all told, as there given, whereof the only one of immediate interest to us is as follows: 'Paid to John Heminges upon the counsell's warrant, dated at Whitehall xx^o die Mai, 1613, for presenting before the Princes Hignes, the La.

'Elizabeth, and the Prince Pallatyne Elector, fowerteene severall playes, viz one play called Filaster, one other call'd the Knott of Fooles, one other Much Adoe aboute 'Nothings, the Mayeds Tragedie, the Merye Dyvell of Edmonton, The Tempest, a 'Kinge and no Kinge, the Twins Tragedie, the Winters Tale, Sir John Falstafe, the 'Moore of Venice, the Nobleman, Cæsars Tragedie, and one other called Love lyes 'a Bleedinge, all which playes weare played within the tyme of this accompte, viz 'paid the some of iiii (xx) xiiij li vi s viij d' (Halliwell's transcript (vol 1, p 134) has been followed, as probably more correct than Cunningham's)

Thus then is the only extrinsic evidence which we possess of the existence of *The Tempest* before it appeared in the Folio of 1623 Be it remembered, therefore, that the date is 1613, and its authority is Vertue's MS Any earlier date must depend on intrinsic evidence, furnished by the play itself

As has been said, the first draught of Malone's chronology was published in 1778 Two years later the second volume of CAPELL'S *Notes and Various Readings* appeared, containing his remarks on *The Tempest* In commenting on the phrase 'still-vex'd Bermoothes' Capell cited a passage from Hakluyt, where it is said that 'the 'sea about the Bermudas is a hellish sea for thunder, lightning, and Storms', but Capell disclaimed any intention of suggesting that Shakespeare's phrase came from Hakluyt, 'it should rather,' he said (p 58), 'have been the offspring of some fuller 'and later relations, by print or otherwise, which should not have been gathered 'earlier than 1612, perhaps later These are the reasons —In 1609 Sir George 'Somers . was cast upon (the Bermudas) by shipwreck, stay'd a year on them, 'return'd to them again from Virginia, and then dy'd on them, that colony calls them 'within it's limits, and the then managers of it sold them to some particulars, members of their society, who, in April, 1612 "sent thither a ship with 60 persons, who "arrived and remaynd there very safely," the furnisher of these particulars, and of 'the extract that follows them, speaking of the islands themselves, says further—they were "of all Nations said and supposed to be enchanted and inhabited with witches "and devills, which grew by reason of accustomed and monstrous Thunder, storme "and tempest neere unto them" Now as these particulars must, from the nature 'of them, have been the subject as well of writings as talk at the time they were 'passing, the presumption is—first, that the afore-mentioned epithet ("still-vexed") 'rose from them, and next that they were also suggesters of Sycorax and her sorceries, of the preter-natural Being subjected to her, and of Prospero's magic—which, 'if it be allowed, then is this play proved by it a late composition, and weight added 'to the opinion that makes it the Poet's last, a circumstance that might determine 'the players to place it foremost in their published collection —Stratford, his place 'of birth and residence, was burnt in 1614, which should in reason have drawn him 'thither, and in 16 he dy'd The extracts, and what relates to these islands, are 'from Howe's Continuation of Stowe, Ed 1631, fol b 1'

On p 66, Capell is somewhat more explicit, and in quoting the use by Ben Jonson of 'servant-monster' in 1614, draws the inference from this date, which Theobald overlooked, that *The Tempest* is 'not much older'

In 1795 appeared what are known in Shakespearian literature as the 'Ireland Forgeries,' the dishonest trickeries of a clever, unscrupulous boy of seventeen, who supposed that in order to imitate the style and spelling of Shakespeare's days, it was necessary only to double all consonants and put *m*, as he himself afterwards can

fessed, 'as many double yous and esses as he could' Clumsy as this attempt was, it nevertheless deceived many, not alone among those who made no pretence to learning, but even among those who were held in high repute as scholars It was in the enquiry into the authenticity of these forged Shakespearian documents, and in the exposure of their falsity, that Malone in 1796 won great fame—greater perhaps than from any other single investigation which he made, unless it be from his dissertation on *The Three Parts of Henry VI* But his excellence was not destined to go uncriticised

GEORGE CHALMERS (not to be confounded with Alexander Chalmers, a Shakespearian Editor of a later date), issued in 1797 an octavo volume of six hundred pages which he called *An Apology for the Believers* in the genuineness of these Ireland Papers, wherein, while half conceding that these Papers were spurious, Chalmers attacked Malone, with the acrimony which was typical of our gentle forbears, not for condemning these Ireland Papers as forgeries, but for not condemning them on the proper grounds, and for errors in his method of discussing them The attack was so sudden and so sharp, and the *Apology* revealed such an intimate acquaintance with Elizabethan literature, wherein Malone and Steevens had been wont to consider themselves the chiefest authorities among men, that apparently Malone's breath was taken away, and although it was frequently reported, I believe, that he was preparing an answer to Chalmers, no answer ever appeared It may be that Malone was merely obeying Dr Johnson's rule, that a man can be written down by no one but by himself, and therefore left Chalmers to his fate, who within two years published another volume, larger even than the former, which he called *A Supplemental Apology for the Believers* as aforesaid, and wherein the longest chapter is devoted to that which Malone considered his peculiar province, viz the Chronology of Shakespeare's plays It is this chapter which alone concerns us here, and in this chapter only the conjectures as to the date of *The Tempest*

I confess that I have always had a lurking admiration for Chalmers, I place no atom of trust in his theories, but their profusion is attractive, his learning seconds his vehemence, and his fertility of resource seems inexhaustible, his verbal accuracy in quotations stands at times in striking contrast with the inaccuracy of his conclusions Then too his unblinking courage of his opinions compels our favour even when it carries him so far as to give up his practice in the Colonial Courts of Maryland and return, a sturdy, uncompromising Tory, to England

So completely does Chalmers differ from Malone in the Chronology of the plays that there were only five wherein he would acknowledge that Malone was right, viz *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, *Lear*, *Macbeth*, *Julius Caesar*, and *Anthony and Cleopatra*

As we have seen above, Malone, in his earliest publication, gives the date of *The Tempest* as 1612, and founds his belief on the account in Stowe of the terrible tempests which prevailed in England during that year Chalmers maintains that the date is 1613, not so much on the score of tempests in England, although they may have had their influence, as on the reference to the 'still vex'd Bermoothes,' whereof Shakespeare found an early notice in Raleigh's *Discoverie*, printed in 1596, wherein Raleigh says, 'the rest of the Indies for calms and diseases are very troublesome; and the Bermudas, a hellish sea for thunder, lightening, and storms' 'Subsequent misadventures,' continues Chalmers (p. 579), 'in these seas, and posterior publications in London, kept the "still vex'd Bermoothes" constantly before the public eye. Jourdan, who accompanied Sir George Somers when he was shipwrecked on Ber-

'mudas in 1609, published, in 1610, *A Discovery of the Bermudas, otherwise called the Isle of Devils*. A ship, named the Plough, sailed from the Thames in April, 1612, with adventurers for Bermudas, who established the first colony in the 'Isle of Devils on the 11th of July, 1612. This enterprise was followed by the publication, in 1613, of *A Plaine Description of the Bermudas, now called Summer Islands*' [which was, in the main, a republication of Jourdan's Tract, says Chalmers in a foot-note, and retained the assertion, found in that Tract, that 'the Islands of the Bermudas, as every man knoweth, that hath heard, or read of them, were never inhabited by any Christian, or heathen, people, but ever esteemed and reputed, a most prodigious, and enchanted, place, affording nothing but gusts, storms, and foul weather']. These dates, together with the fact (from the Vertue MS) that *The Tempest* was acted in 1613, are all sufficing proofs to Chalmers that 'the true epoch' of this play was in 1613, according to the evidence. Moreover, in this *Plaine Description* is to be found some of the contrarieties in government which Shakespeare ridicules in Gonzalo's speech 'Had I plantation of this isle,' &c

As an illustration of Chalmers's headlong vehemence, it turns out that all this while he believes that the 'still vex'd Bermoothes' is the scene of *The Tempest*. On p. 581, he says 'Knowing the common opinion, that the Bermudean isles were enchanted, and governed by spirits, Shakespeare showed great judgment in causing by enchantment, the King's ship to be wrecked on the still-vex'd Bermoothes with allusions to the Shipwreck of Somers, and the government by spirits'. Strangely enough, this idea that the Bermudas are the scene of *The Tempest* is not confined to Chalmers. It crops up now and again in literature, even in Tom Moore's Letters, and, most remarkable of all perhaps, in Mrs Jameson's *Characteristics of Women*, i, 292.

Where Gonzalo, in the second Act, describes his ideal commonwealth, it is proved, as is supposed in the notes, that Shakespeare borrowed from Florio's translation of Montaigne, which was published in 1603. Now although this date did not really interfere with Chalmers's date of 1613, yet the difference of ten years between the two was a little too large to suit Chalmers, and to accord with a fresh impression made by the translation, on Shakespeare's mind, he accordingly assumed that Shakespeare used the second edition of that translation, which appeared in 1613.

As an example of the facility wherewith a figment of his brain becomes to Chalmers solid fact, we have his explanation of Stephano's allusion to a 'dead Indian,'—an allusion which Malone confessed was beyond his power to explain. Not so Chalmers,—he will endeavour to show us the street where the Indian died, albeit, in an outburst of candour, he acknowledges that he does not 'pretend to know the house'. After having thus whetted our appetite, he proceeds to gratify it by showing that, in 1611, five savages were brought from New England, of these, in 1614, three were returned to their home, one 'adventured to the European Continent', and 'the fifth Indian *'we may easily suppose died in London and was exhibited for a show'* (the Italics mine). And this is all the conclusion we obtain after the swelling prologue.

Two years later, in 1799, Chalmers published his *Supplemental Apology*, wherein he repeats his former arguments, wisely repressing, however, his blundering confusion of 'the still vex'd Bermoothes' with the scene of the play, and adds what is really his strongest argument against Malone, if it could be verified—namely, that England was visited not merely by one extraordinary tempest, but that there were many others during 1612, and an especial mention is made, so he says, in 'Winwood's Memorials,

'iii, 422, of a great tempest of thunder and lightening on Christmas day, 1612' 'This intimation,' adds Chalmers, 'necessarily carries the writing of *The Tempest* into the subsequent year, since there is little probability that our poet would write this enchanting drama in the midst of the tempest which overthrew so many mansions and wrecked so many ships' But, as I have just intimated, I am unable to verify this reference to Winwood It is certainly not to be found in the volume or on the page to which Chalmers refers, where there is, to be sure, an allusion to a storm, but it is not specified as happening on Christmas day, and its havoc is wrought at Dover Mr Chamberlain writes to Sir Ralph Winwood, 9th January, 1612, that 'the Lord Bruce stayed at Dover, where we hear these late Winds and Tempests have done great harm and in a manner ruined and defaced the Peer or Haven' Again, three weeks later (p 428), Mr Chamberlain refers to these storms, but he does not say that they occurred on Christmas day, according to Chalmers's citation, and he expressly states that London was exempt 'We have had strange winds,' says Winwood's correspondent, 'which have been so violent and continual, as I never knew the like, with great Tempests of Thunder and Lightning in divers places, though not here at London, especially at a place on Kent called Chart, where in the Christmas Holy days, the People being at Church, there were 35 blasted with Lightning, whereof the Minister in the Pulpit was one, though they be all since recovered, saving a Miller that was struck dead in the Place, and one more that dyed six or seven days after' After all, neither the exact date, nor the exact phraseology, is of importance to Chalmers's argument, which is to show that, if Shakespeare named his play after some noteworthy tempests, these fell too late in 1612 for the drama to have been written in that year Malone must have felt the force of this, for the storms which he himself adduced from Stowe occurred in October, November, December, and in the *Variorum* of 1821 he omitted all reference to them, or to any conjecture that they influenced the choice of the name of the play

In 1797 a feeble criticism of Malone appeared in some *Remarks on The Tempest* by CHAS DIRRILL, Esq, the assumed name, according to Bohn, of Richard Sill. Dirrill rejected Malone's arguments, and offered but little reason for rejection beyond his personal dissatisfaction, and ended at last with the conclusion that *The Tempest* was written 'between the years 1612 and 1616' The qualities which Dirrill possesses for a leader may be judged by his finding in Prospero's assertion that 'the very rats had quit it,' an allusion 'to the English vessels which had conveyed those animals to the Bermudas' And again he finds the circumstance 'somewhat curious' and 'perhaps worthy of observation,' that 'Shakespeare should give Caliban the appellation of "Moon-Calf"; seeing that the chief or largest of the Bermuda Isles, should be shaped like a half moon'

Five or six years after Chalmers's last word in his *Supplemental Apology*, DOUCE, the learned Archeologist, published his *Illustrations of Shakespeare* (1807) and therein (i, 5) expresses his belief that it was the shipwreck of Sir George Somers in 1609 which was the source of *The Tempest*; not that any novelty was claimed for the suggestion, but Douce believed that the particulars of this shipwreck were incorporated in the drama to a greater extent than was generally supposed, a discussion of these various items is not germane to the present subject, but belong to a study of the sources whence Shakespeare drew his Plot All that is necessary to note here is that, led by them, Douce placed the first limit of his first date in 1609, and since Ben Jonson alluded to *The Tempest* in his *Bartholomew Fair*, the later limit in 1614

A few months after Douce's volume appeared Malone printed privately an *Essay*, which was afterward reprinted in the *Variorum* of 1821, wherein he claimed that he had 'discovered the source of the incidents from which the title and Part of the Story of *The Tempest* were derived,' and that he had thereby ascertained the true date when the play was written. Unalterable in the belief that Shakespeare could never have devised a play founded on a tempest without having a tempest made to his hand in real life, Malone, driven perhaps by Chalmers, perhaps by common sense, from the tempests on land in 1612, discovered his long-lost, indubitable, genuine tempest in that fierce tornado which wrecked Sir George Somers on the Bermudas. Malone did not claim to have been the first to refer to Sir George's historic wreck, this had been referred to, as we have seen, by several of Malone's predecessors, but he maintained that he had detected what had escaped others, and had found in the peculiar incidents attending that shipwreck the immediate origin of *The Tempest*,—and 'that to these incidents there is a covert reference in various passages of that comedy,—and that the fate of Somers not having been known in England for about fifteen months after he left it, that is, not till about September or October in the year 1610, during all which time it was feared and generally believed that he was lost, and the poet, as appears from a passage in his play, having known that he had landed on one of the Bermuda islands in safety, it necessarily follows, that this Comedy was written after the news of that event had reached England, and, as I know that it had "a being and a name" in the autumn of 1611, the date of the play is fixed and ascertained with uncommon precision, between the end of the year 1610 and the autumn of 1611, and that it may with great probability be ascribed to the Spring of the latter year.'

It is to be observed that in the foregoing quotation Malone says that he *knows* this play was in existence in the Autumn of 1611. Unfortunately, he has not bequeathed to us the source of this knowledge. He makes the same unsupported assertion in regard to the date of *Othello*. We know him too well to suppose that he would make such unqualified remarks without adequate proofs. The dates 1611 and 1604 are given for performances of *The Tempest* and of *Othello* respectively in the *Revels Accounts* forged by Peter Cunningham. That sixty years before Cunningham offered his forgery for sale to the British Museum, Malone should have said that he *knew* these dates to be true, deepens the mystery involved in these forged *Revels Accounts*, whereof their MS record is as unquestionably forged as their dates seem to be unquestionably true, that is, if we are to put implicit faith in Malone's accuracy, which, perhaps, we may follow Halliwell's example in doing.* The forged accounts will be referred to again.

What Malone found in the account of Somers's shipwreck to supply Shakespeare with material for his play falls under the *Source of the Plot*.

Malone's *Essay*, however, neither convinced nor silenced his former assailant, and in 1815 Chalmers printed privately *Another Account of The Incidents from which the Title and a Part of the Story of Shakespeare's Tempest were derived, and the True Era of it ascertained, evincing the original connexion of the Royal Family with the Poet's drama*. Both Chalmers and Malone were agreed on two points: first, that

* This puzzle of these *Revels Accounts* may be some day solved. At present it is inscrutable. Halliwell's treatment of it in his *Outlines* is unsatisfactory, he acknowledged, in private correspondence, that the subject needed entire revision, but unfortunately the lassitude of his fatal illness was even then upon him, and he was unable to accomplish the task. The circumstances of the case are set forth in full in the *New Variorum Othello*, p. 351, and a solution attempted on p. 356.

The Tempest is one of the latest of Shakespeare's dramas, and, secondly, that Ben Jonson referred to *The Tempest* in 1614. But after leaving this common ground, Chalmers acknowledges the force of none of the allusions in the play which are so manifest to Malone, but in their stead allusions, clear to demonstration, are visible to him throughout the play, pointing to the events of 1612. For instance, the 'emphatical mention' in the play of the death of the King's son, 'plainly alluded to 'the real decease of the Prince of Wales, on the 4th of November, 1612, and must 'have made a great impression on the audience' 'The allusion to the slow poison, 'which was made use of in 1612-13 for destroying Overbury, must have greatly 'affected the audience, whose indignation was greatly incited by the fact' 'His looks at first sight like a slip on the part of Chalmers. It is now generally accepted that the Overbury tragedy occurred in 1613. Chalmers follows Camden, and says in a foot-note that even if 1613 be correct, and not 1612, it would prove only that '*The Tempest* was written in the Autumn rather than the Spring of 1613'. He quite overlooks the fact, however, that it must have been *the trial* of Somers for Overbury's murder which emphasized this poisoning in the public mind, and this trial did not take place for two full years after Overbury's death—not until October, 1615.

Chalmers then continues: 'The sarcasms on King James's temperament and practice allude to the events of 1612. Mr Malone went back to the year 1609, for a 'tempest to wreck Somers's ship on the Bermudas. But Shakespeare called specially 'for "this last tempest" [in Act V, Prospero speaks of "the last tempest"], which 'lasted the three last months of 1612, and which wrecked so many ships and did so 'much damage. Nor is Somers's shipwreck even alluded to in *The Tempest*. Shakespeare's mind was drawn to the Bermudas by the colonization of that enchanted 'island by a ship from the Thames in 1612, and the consequent publications. Thus 'was it in allusion to these publications and to that settlement on the Bermudas that 'Shakespeare threw out so many sarcasms against the colonization of that period, 'which was promoted by so many absurd and contradictory descriptions of the country which were published for the delusion of settlers'. As an illustration of the extreme to which Chalmers continued, as in former years, to push his theory of the allusions to contemporary events which are to be detected in *The Tempest*, be it noted that in the so-called triumphs or pageants at the Princess Elizabeth's marriage there were some rocks and forts which were said to resemble Argier, and to them, Chalmers proclaimed, there was a reference in the Argier whence Sycorax was banished. 'Mr Malone,' continues Chalmers, 'has wholly omitted the mention of the marriage 'in the mask, which is so emphatically mentioned in the fourth Act of *The Tempest*, 'though it be so important, as it recalled to the audience the real motive that induced the poet to write his comedy'. [How happy it is for us, that in all Shakespearean questions there is always one man to whom Shakespeare's inmost thoughts are known!] 'Yes, Masques were common, as Mr Malone has observed, but a royal 'marriage was very uncommon, and gave occasion to such triumphs, pastimes, maskings, and other courtly entertainments, as England had seldom seen before. Shakespeare in taking advantage of all these popular entertainments, like other dramatists 'from that time to the present, seized the passing scenes to produce his comedy of '*The Tempest* as a *sequence* to those princely sports, in celebration of the Palatine's 'marriage with the Princess Elizabeth on the 22d of February, 1613. What was 'Somers to Shakespeare, or Shakespeare to Somers, that our poet should have written 'such a Comedy on his *shipwreck* and *death*? But, in this uncommon and splendid 'marriage which drew so many consequences after it, there was a striking occasion,

which induced our dramatist to bring out his appropriate play And Mr Malone, 'by not adverting to this occasion and that marriage, has egregiously failed in his account of the incidents from which the title and a part of the *Story of SHAKESPEARE'S TEMPEST* were derived, as well as the true date of its production Mr Malone has still more egregiously failed in showing the latent connection of Shakespeare's *Tempest* with the royal family on the British throne'

Chalmers insists on 'the last Tempest' (referred to by Prospero, and which must have been that in the Christmas holidays of 1612), as the tempest which started the play If, therefore, this play was completed for the royal marriage, which took place on the 22d of February, 1613, it seems as though Chalmers must have supposed the play to have been written in about seven weeks, and I am by no means sure that, with his vehement temperament, he did not thus suppose It is not unlikely that he himself would have undertaken, *stans uno pede*, to produce a play within that term, but then, it may be feared, it would not have been *The Tempest* After all, Chalmers need not be pressed thus closely to the wall Whether or not he remembered it I cannot say, but the year in those days began on the 25th of March, therefore, between the Christmas of 1612 and the February of 1613, more than a year intervened, and Chalmers is saved I am inclined to think that Chalmers did not recall this fact, had he recalled it, he would have been sure to emphasize it At any rate, in dealing with the dates of these years, the Old Style should be always kept in mind

Even had Malone been living when this final criticism of Chalmers was passed on his labours, it may, perhaps, be doubted whether that criticism would have at all changed his views, or whether he would have replied to the attack In the *Varrorum of 1821*, BOSWELL, Malone's literary executor, could, of course, only follow Malone's latest MSS, and in them, as appears in that Edition (vol II, p 465), Malone adheres to the views expressed in his *Essay*, to the effect that since he had first investigated the subject, he had collected information which placed the question in his opinion 'beyond a doubt, that this play was founded on a recent event and was produced in 1611' In regard to the other references mentioned in his earliest investigation, Malone, in his latest, reiterates, in the main, his belief in them, he still thinks it possible that Shakespeare borrowed from Lord Sterling, and that Ben Jonson, in his *Bartholomew Fair* 'endeavored to depreciate this beautiful comedy by calling it a 'foolery' [*sic*] And Malone now places *The Tempest* the last on the list, as Shakespeare's final composition

Both Chalmers and Malone accepted as one of their dates this allusion to *The Tempest* by Jonson in 1614, and it has been likewise accepted since their day, by many and many an editor, from some of whom we have a right to expect better things The passage occurs in the Induction, it has been already quoted, but no harm will be done by repeating it, it runs thus 'If there be never a servant-monster in the fair, who can help it, he says, nor a nest of antiques? he is loth to make nature afraid in his plays, like those that beget tales, tempests, and such like drolleries, to mix his head with other men's heels' It was Theobald who first suggested, as we have seen, that there is here in 'servant-monster' a direct and sneering allusion to Caliban, and the sneer herein alleged was accepted by Steevens, and by Chalmers, and by Malone The last, in referring to the passage, misquoted the word 'drollery' and called it *foolery*, for this he was brought to book by GIFFORD, in a note on the passage in Jonson, which is one of the most satisfactory of Gifford's many satisfactory notes, and ought to have settled, for all time, the question of any covert, sneering

Are melted into air, into thin air
 And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,
 The cloud-capp'd towers, the gorgeous palaces,
 The solemn temples, the great globe itself,
 Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve
 And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,
 Leave not a rack behind'

In a note on this passage, in 1778, STEEVENS called attention to the following lines in *The Tragedie of Darius*, by William Alexander, afterward Earl of Sterling

' Let greatnesse of her glascie scepters vaunt ,
 Not sceptours, no, but reeds, soone brus'd soone broken
 And let this worldlie pomp our wits inchant
 All fades, and scarceleie leaues behinde a token
 Those golden Pallaces, those gorgeous halles,
 With fournture superfluoslie faire
 Those statelie Courts, those sky-encounting walles
 Evanish all like vapours in the aire '

This tragedy, says Steevens, must have been written before the death of Queen Elizabeth (which happened on the 24th of March, 1603), because it is dedicated to James VI, King of Scots. Steevens quotes the lines from the Quarto of 1603, which differ slightly in spelling from those in the Quarto of 1604, which are given above, from Staunton

That there is a parallelism between the passages is evident. The date, therefore, of *The Tragedie* becomes of importance, if we decide that this parallelism is so exact that Shakespeare must have copied from Lord Sterling. If we believe that Shakespeare 'conveyed' from *Darius*, we obtain a definite early limit, viz. 1603, after which *The Tempest* must have been written, and thereupon all theories as to an earlier date, and there are several, must be swept away. STAUNTON asserts that 'it is impossible to doubt that Shakespeare remembered the lines in Lord Sterling's *Tragedie*'. W. ALDIS WRIGHT, while granting that there is sufficient resemblance to warrant the quotation of Lord Sterling's lines as a parallel passage, thinks that there is 'hardly enough to justify any inference with regard to priority of dates,' with this more temperate opinion I agree, but little faith is to be placed in conclusions drawn from parallelisms which are to be regarded as fortuitous.

For many years after Malone's death his date for this play, 1611, and his assertion that it was Shakespeare's last, were generally accepted. In 1838, CAMPBELL says '*The Tempest* has a sort of sacredness as the last work of the mighty workman'. In the next year, however, in 1839, the Rev. JOSEPH HUNTER published *A Discussion on the Scene, Origin, Date, &c.*, of Shakespeare's *Tempest*, a noteworthy contribution to the subject, and as the work of one of the most learned, albeit fanciful, and gentle-minded of Shakespearian commentators, it deserves particular attention, especially as it discards all the preceding theories that *The Tempest* is one of the latest of Shakespeare's plays, and maintains that, on the contrary, it is one of the earliest. Much of Hunter's *Discussion* is taken up with proving that Prospero's isle is Lampedusa, a topic with which we are not here concerned. His first task is

to disprove the belief of Malone and Chalmers, that this comedy must have been written after 1610, this he attempts by showing that Shakespeare's *Tempest* was not suggested by the shipwreck of Sir George Somers in 1609, but by Ariosto's *Orlando*, and that the reference to the 'still vex'd Bermoothes' did not come from Jourdan's book in 1612, but that 'the idea of a stormy sea was so associated with the idea of 'the Bermudas, in the minds of the poets contemporary with Shakespeare, that this 'island is for ever being intruded upon us when storms and tempests are their theme' Hunter here refers to 'honest John Taylor,' to Drayton in *The Odecombian Banquet*, to Fulk Grevile in *Calica*, *Sonn* lviii, to Chapman in his *Epicde on Funeral Song* on the death of Prince Henry, and to Thomas Tymme in his *Silver Watch Bell* 'The Bermudas was in fact a commonplace of the time'

Hunter, therefore, assumes that he is no longer bound to limit his inquiry to the period between 1610 and 1616 (the year of Shakespeare's death), but that he is at liberty to fix, according to the evidence, any date of the play, early or late, in the poet's dramatic life, and it is his impression that this play is an early work, 'but,' he continues, 'I lay no stress on the circumstances that when the plays were first collected into a volume, the first place was assigned to *The Tempest* It is difficult to discover a principle in which the arrangement was made, and it is not difficult to divine other reasons, besides priority of composition, for the place assigned to it. Yet it may seem strange that if it were the last work, it should first meet the eye in such a collection. As little attention should I be inclined to give to what some people have imagined they perceived in this play—intimations of its being the Poet's farewell, as if the retirement of Prospero were a kind of adumbration of the retirement of Shakespeare himself from the practice of the more innocent magic with which he had so long enchanted his countrymen. Others have discerned in the style and sentiment marks of a period beyond the maturity of a Poet's life. But we see how extremely dubious and uncertain reasoning of this kind is, when we observe how often the most plausible conclusions of this kind have been dissipated by the discovery of some decisive evidence from without, fixing limits which no reasoning from the style or sentiments can justify any person in overleaping'

While protesting against any determination of the chronological order of these plays other than by *testimony*, apart from all considerations of style and sentiment, yet, since this latter mode of decision has been resorted to by others, Hunter ventures to observe, though on a point such as this, I am bound to speak with no small self-distrust, that I do not discern those marks of long practice in the dramatic art, and of the full maturity of a poet's genius, which some have discovered in [*The Tempest*]. Of the general merit of its dramatic structure I am fully sensible; of the skill with which the characters are grouped, of the clearness with which the story is developed, and the profusion with which some of the choicest flowers of poesy are scattered everywhere in the reader's path. But then I ask if this is not the case with *The Merchant of Venice*, with *Romeo and Juliet*, with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, all early plays; and with *As You Like It*, and *Twelfth Night*, which, though not so early as those which I have before mentioned, were all upon the stage before the close of the reign of Elizabeth? I ask where are we to look for evidence of greater maturity of moral taste, of dramatic art, or poetic power in *The Tempest* than may be discovered in the plays I have just named? Perhaps *Romeo and Juliet* might be excepted, in which, with all its beauties, and they are many, there are decided marks of immaturity, something which reminds one of the taste which such a play as *The Jew of Malta* was likely to create. Perhaps also in

'the full maturity of his art he would not have so constructed his play as to render 'necessary the long conversation in the second scene [between Prospero and Miranda], which is evidently intended for the information of the audience, and not for carrying 'on the business of the drama, or given us the two constrained passages [the description by Francisco of Ferdinand's swimming, II, 1, 115-122, and Alonso's recalling 'his offence against Prospero, III, iii, 121-127], which seem to betray that they were 'written at a time when he was not fully aware of his power, and before he had found 'out the great secret that he wrote best when he committed himself fearlessly to his 'own transcendent genius Perhaps, also, in the maturity of his powers he would 'not have copied, or at least not copied so servilely, the incantation of Medea in 'Golding's *Ovid*, when he wrote the abjuration speech of Prospero, or the words of 'Montaigne in his ideas of a new Commonwealth. Perhaps, also, there is some 'want of dramatic skill in the abruptness of the charge [by Prospero] against Ferdi- 'nand, that he had a sinister purpose in his appearance on the island I may also 'remark, though it is a subject to which I never recur without pain, that *The Tempest*, 'in common with the other earlier plays, is disfigured by some of those impurities 'which are more rarely found in the late compositions

'On all this, however, I lay no great stress, and only introduce it as a *set-off* 'against remarks of the same kind which may have an opposite bearing I go at 'once to the testimony, and in the first place, ask you to look at the Epilogue, and to 'tell me whether it is the work of one who has long been assured of the public 'favour, and who had won golden opinions from all sorts of men, or of the diffident 'aspirant to dramatic fame Mark the modest and timid address To my ears these 'words [of Prospero] are not the words of one who was taking his leave of the 'stage

'I would invite your attention, in the next place, to what has not, I think, been 'observed before, that a great change seems to have come over the mind of Shake- 'speare soon after his fortieth year, respecting the kind of stories which were best 'adapted to the purposes of the drama, or on which he thought it most befitting him 'to direct his own genius' Hunter hereupon enumerates the plays which, according to Malone and Chalmers, were produced after the year 1606, as follows *Twelfth Night* (it was Hunter himself who first discovered from Manningham's *Diary* that *Twelfth Night* was performed in 1602, but he is here giving the chronology of the plays only according to Malone and Chalmers, in which, as he truly says, there are some 'very grievous mistakes'), *A Winter's Tale*, *Othello*, *Henry the Eighth*, *Cymbeline*, *Timon*, *Julius Caesar*, *Anthony and Cleopatra*, and *Coriolanus* Out of this list Hunter eliminates as erroneously or as insufficiently dated, in his opinion, *Twelfth Night*, *Othello*, *Cymbeline*, *Henry the Eighth*, and *A Winter's Tale* 'Let us see,' he goes on to say, 'what plays remain for the latter period of the Poet's life They are only *Julius Caesar*, *Anthony and Cleopatra*, *Coriolanus*, *Timon*, and to these I 'will add *Troilus and Cressida*, as possibly of this era So that it is now evident, 'that as Shakespeare grew older, his muse grew severer, that he forsook the lighter 'subjects in which, at the beginning of his career, he delighted, and devoted himself to what Sir William Alexander calls "Monarchic Tragedies," stories of Rome, and 'Greece, and Troy If we look a little above them in the list, we shall find that the 'next two plays in the chronological arrangement are *Macbeth* and *King Lear*, which 'are of the same grave character, and exhibit the high passions and deep sorrows of 'the great

'Is it probable that *The Tempest*, a work in every respect so unlike to these, should

'have been produced contemporaneously with them? That when he was engaged on themes such as these, he should for once have deviated into the paths of romance in which in the early years of his life he had delighted to wander, that he should have mixed with them one comedy, and one comedy only? I am still on probabilities only. Show me probabilities equally cogent on the other part'

'Now, take a view of the dramas which he produced in the earlier period of his dramatic career, while still Elizabeth, whom he had the good fortune to please, was on the throne. We will set aside the English Histories, and with them *The Merry Wives* may go. Little attention need be paid to *The Taming of the Shrew*, *The Comedy of Errors*, and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, as being works of uncertain, though early date, of inferior power, and, perhaps, not wholly his. View him then in the vigour of his morning genius. The plays are *Love's Labour's Lost*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *All's Well That Ends Well*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *As You Like It*, *Twelfth Night*, *A Winter's Tale*, *Hamlet*, and *Othello*. It is evident that *The Tempest* classes with many of these plays. It classes with them as a romantic drama. It classes with them as a tale of France or Italy. It classes with several of them in its style and sentiments. I ask for the countervailing probabilities in favour of a later date.'

In thus arguing from generalities that *The Tempest* is an early play, we see Hunter at his best and at his strongest. When he descends to particulars, I am afraid he becomes weak, or a little too subtle, and does not altogether take us with him. Naturally, he sees that he cannot rest his case here, but must suggest some specific date, or, at least, give us some limit before which, or after which, *The Tempest* must have been written. He appeals to three sources: Meres, Jonson, and Raleigh, and in proofs derived from them, he lodges his conclusion.

Every Shakespeare student knows by heart the list of Shakespeare's plays which Francis Meres enumerates in his *Palladis Tamia*, published in 1598, nevertheless for Hunter's sake I am constrained to repeat here: 'As *Plautus* and *Seneca* are accounted the best for Comedy and Tragedy among the Latines so *Shakespeare* among the English is the most excellent in both kinds for the stage, for Comedy, witness his *Gentlemen of Verona*, his *Errors*, his *Love labors lost*, his *Love labours wonne*, his *Midsummers night dream*, and his *Merchant of Venice* for Tragedy, his *Richard the second*, *Richard the third*, *Henry the fourth*, *King John*, *Titus Andronicus*, and his *Romeo and Juliet*'

Hunter, as I have said, enumerates this list of Meres, and adds: 'The question is, does Meres in this list recognize the existence of *The Tempest* in 1598, or does he not? It is manifest that *The Tempest* is not in his list *eo nomine*, but what play, I ask, did he intend by *Love Labours Won*? Those who answer out of book will say at once *All's Well That Ends Well*. A passing remark of Dr Farmer, in his *Essay on the Learning of Shakespeare*, first identified the *All's Well* with the *Love Labours Won*. The remark has since been caught up and repeated by a thousand voices. Yet it was made in the most casual, random, and hasty manner imaginable. It was supported by no kind of argument or evidence, and I cannot find that any persons who have repeated it after him, have shown any probable grounds for the opinion. The leading feature of the story of *All's Well* cannot be said to be aptly represented by the title in Meres's list. But this is trifling. If ever there was a play which itself bespoke its own title from the beginning, it is this' [Hunter here quotes from *All's Well*, IV, iv, 30-36, and V, i, 25, and the Epilogue, where in each passage the *tit* of the play is repeated] 'And so much I say again,

'with Dr Farmer himself, for the claim of this play But if not to *All's Well*, to what play of Shakespeare's was this title once attached? I answer that of the existing plays, there is only *The Tempest* to which it can be supposed to belong, and so long as it suits well with what is a main incident of this piece, we shall not be driven to the gratuitous and improbable supposition that a play once so called is lost'

Hereupon Hunter points to the labours of Ferdinand in removing and piling up some thousands of logs, and, after quoting Ferdinand's soliloquy, III, 1, 1-16, and his words shortly after 'for your sake Am I this patient logman,' and also Prospero's commendation in IV, 1, 7-9 'All thy vexations Were but my trials of thy love, and thou Hast strangely stood the test,' Hunter triumphantly exclaims 'Here, then, are the *Love Labours* In the end they won the lady "so perfect and so peerless"'

I suspect that the play had originally a double title, *The Tempest, or Love Labours Won*, just as another of the plays had a double title, *Twelfth Night, or What you Will* Meres may seem to have chosen to call it by the second title, for the sake of the opposition to the title of the play which he had named immediately before it, the *Love Labours Lost*

'On the whole, then, I submit that we have Meres's testimony to the existence of *The Tempest* as a play of Shakespeare, in 1598'

It is easy to sit in judgement and exclaim at the weakness in making the plot of a play hinge on what to us is merely one of its episodes, but we must remember that Hunter has proved himself again and again to be possessed of a clear mind, and that any objections which occur to us are rather more likely than not, to have occurred to him To Hunter it was quite sufficient that the task was set Ferdinand, and the fact is of no moment that we do not know whether the Prince's labours had extended to a thousand logs or whether Miranda interrupted him (the more likely supposition) when he was 'bearing' his first For us who are not convinced by Hunter's arguments, it is sufficient to remember that Prospero's object in subjecting the young Prince to his power was gained as much after the first had been carried, as after the thousandth, and that the labour in itself amounted to nothing, and could really win nothing, Miranda's hand was not set as the price of it, and in fact Prospero had adopted Ferdinand as his future son-in-law before he was shipwrecked, so that it could not have been any labours of Ferdinand that won Miranda But it seemed otherwise to Hunter How he could have failed to note these objections and others, it is hard to understand, luckily, I am not called upon to explain it,—*Davus sum non Œdipus*

Believing, then, *Love's Labour's Lost* to be respondent to *Love's Labour's Won*, and that the latter is *The Tempest*, Hunter finds a 'remarkable correspondency' between these two plays,—a correspondency, moreover, which exists between these two alone of all the romantic dramas,—and it is this 'that the stories of these two plays have a certain relation to events and characters of real history, so that we are able to fix a chronological period near to which the time of the action is to be referred In connection with this there is the further correspondency, that of all the romantic dramas of Shakespeare, *The Tempest* and *Love Labour's Lost* are the only two for which no origins of the stories have yet been discovered I venture to predict, that when the origins are found, they will be found in one and the same volume some very rare book of romances or dramas in the literature of France, Navarre, Spain or Italy'

Hunter now turns to Jonson, in whose Prologue to *Every Man in his Humour*, produced in 1596, he finds clear references to *The Tempest* After a fine vindication

of the character of Jonson, to whom no mean personal hostility either to Shakespeare or to his fellow-dramatists should be attributed, but solely zeal in the service of what he deemed true, classic, dramatic art, Hunter continues 'Shakespeare, perhaps, as 'little approved some things in Jonson, as Jonson did the violations of dramatic proprieties, the introduction on the stage of beings not in *rerum naturâ*, and the occasional unfilied expressions of Shakespeare. The Prologue in question may be 'easily interpreted, with that good feeling, which I believe to have ever existed between [Jonson and Shakespeare, as meaning to say] "Our rivals at the other house "are attempting impossibilities, or are degrading the stage by the introduction of "masques and monsters. We mean to show you, in the production of a new poet, "what comedy ought to be, and what we design to make it." The Prologue is as follows —

"Though need make many poets, and some such
As art and nature have not better'd much,
Yet ours for want hath not so loved the stage,
As he dare serve the ill customs of the age,
Or purchase your delight at such a rate,
As, for it, he himself must justly hate
To make a child now swaddled, to proceed
Man, and then shoot up, in one beard and weed,
Past three score years, or, with three rusty swords,
And help of some few foot and half foot words,
Fight over York and Lancaster's long jars,
And in the tyring-house bring wounds to scars
He rather prays you will be pleased to see
One such to day, as other plays should be,
Where neither chorus wafts you o'er the seas,
Nor creaking throne comes down the boys to please,
Nor nimble squib is seen to make afraid
The gentlewomen, nor roll'd bullet heard
To say, it thunders, nor tempestuous drum
Rumbles, to tell you when the storm doth come,
But deeds, and language, such as men do use,
And persons, such as comedy would choose,
When she would shew an image of the times,
And sport with human follies, not with crimes
Except we make them such, by loving still
Our popular errors, when we know they're ill
I mean such errors, as you'll all confess,
By laughing at them, they deserve no less
Which when you heartily do, there's hope left then,
You, that have so grac'd monsters, may like men "

'The special points of attack are (1) The same play exhibiting a character in 'infancy and age; (2) The Wars of York and Lancaster, (3) The removal of a 'scene to a distant country by means of a chorus; (4) The descent of a creaking 'throne, (5) Thunder and lightning, (6) Monsters. When of these special points 'we find the last three in *The Tempest*, it can hardly, I think, be reasonably doubted 'that that particular play was in the view of Jonson when he wrote the prologue

'The "Monster" must be Caliban, "graced" as he has always been by the favour of the multitude, nor graced unworthily. The "creaking throne" is the throne of Juno, as she descends in the masque, the "nimble squib" is the lightning during the storm, with which the play opens, and the "tempestuous drum" is the thunder which accompanied the lightning. But observe the word "tempestuous," corresponding to the stage-direction for the first scene of this play.

'Jonson's prologue being written in 1596 is a proof of the existence of *The Tempest* in that year. And to the Spring or Summer of 1596 I am disposed, on a full consideration of the whole evidence, to assign it.'

Assuming that Shakespeare frequently alluded to the topics of the day, Hunter replies to the inquiry as to what special topic engaged public attention in the spring and summer of 1596, by asserting 'without the slightest fear of contradiction that the event which in the early months of that year would be the theme of wonder, the subject of the conversation of the whole people of London, was the return of Sir Walter Raleigh and his companions from the expedition to Guiana, and the very extraordinary reports which they made of what they had seen and heard.'

With what Hunter says in regard to the pamphlet, and its wild improbable marvels, which Sir Walter published early in that year we need not here concern ourselves. We are all agreed that Raleigh was Shakespeare's authority for the 'Anthropophagi' and men whose 'heads do grow beneath their shoulders,' alluded to both in *The Tempest* and in *Othello*, and furthermore that there may be in *The Tempest* a sly, gentle allusion to Raleigh in the 'vouched rarities,' 'beyond credit,' in the stories brought back by every 'putter out of five for one', Hunter's object is gained if Raleigh's pamphlet in 1596 be acknowledged as the immediate precursor of Shakespeare's play, 'which was written when the excitement produced by Raleigh's publication was at its height.'

When in Act I, sc. ii, Gonzalo describes his ideal commonwealth, he uses, as is universally conceded, not only the ideas, but the very phraseology, of Florio's Translation of Montaigne. The date of this translation is 1603, and, unless Hunter can find some means of evading the difficulty, this date must be fatal to his theory that *The Tempest* was written in 1596. Hunter's ingenuity is displayed as follows —

First, though we know of no earlier edition of this translation (and it is improbable that there is any earlier edition of it as a whole), it is by no means improbable that a portion of it may have appeared some years before in one of the smaller tracts of Florio, of which there were many, more perhaps than are now known to exist, and in that portion of it the passage in question may have occurred. Or, secondly, this speech of Gonzalo's may have been added after the original appearance of the play, as there is reason to think was the practice of Shakespeare. But I propose to meet the difficulty, and not to evade it. It is true that no printed edition of this translation, or any part of it, is known of an earlier date than 1603. But it is also certain that the translation was made several years before, for as early as 1599 license was granted to Edward Blount for the printing of it, and for proof that this is not the earliest period to which we can trace this translation I have only to refer you to the *Essays* of Sir William Cornwallis, where you will find not only that the translation was made, but that it was divulged before that time. The first edition of these *Essays*, indeed, bears date only in 1600, but they were written some time before, for Henry Olney, a friend of the author, under whose care they were printed, assigns as the reason for publishing an authentic edition, that copies were in so many hands, there was danger lest the work might be printed by some dishonest person

'surreptitiously How much time is to be allowed for this multiplication of copies in manuscript, and for the original composition of the *Essays*, it is impossible to estimate with much exactness, but it may be fairly allowed to conjecture that three or four years may have passed, which brings us near to the date we have assigned *The Tempest* But in what year soever Cornwallis wrote his *Essays*, in or before that year had Florio made his translation of Montaigne For thus writes the author — "For profitable recreation that noble French knight, the Lord de Montaigne, is most "excellent, whom though I have not been so much beholding to the French as to "see in his original, yet divers of his pieces I have seen translated, they that understand both languages say very well done, and I am able to say (if you will 'ake "the word of ignorance) translated into a style admitting as few idle words, as our "language will endure It is well fitted in this new garment, and Montaigne speaks "now good English It is done by a fellow less beholding to nature for his fortune "than wit, yet lesser for his face than his fortune the truth is, he looks more like a "good fellow than a wise man, and yet he is wise beyond either his fortune or his "education" Florio's profession was that of a French and Italian master, in which he was the most eminent man of his time, and the portions of Montaigne in an English translation, to which Cornwallis alludes, may be supposed with likelihood enough to have been prepared by him for the use of his scholars —But being seen by Cornwallis, is it too violent a presumption that they may have been seen by Shakespeare also, especially as the Florios, for there were two, Michael-Angelo and John, were noticed by the Herberts from the time when Michael-Angelo dedicated a work to Henry, Earl of Pembroke, in 1553, to the time of the death of John Florio in 1625, who leaves his corrections of the *Italian Dictionary* published by him to William, Earl of Pembroke, whose connection with Shakespeare is so remarkable a circumstance in the history of both?—Shakespeare is even brought into immediate connection with Florio some time before the date which I have assigned to *The Tempest*' Hunter here refers to the conjecture, first started by Warburton, that in Holofernes in *Love's Labour's Lost* Shakespeare held up Florio to ridicule, and concludes this portion of his argument by expressing the belief that he has said sufficient to show that Shakespeare may not improbably have seen portions of 'Florio's *Montaigne* in 1596.'

In conclusion, Hunter disposes of Chalmers's 'dead Indian' in 1611, by showing that Frobisher brought one to England in 1577, who died shortly after his arrival, and that in the account of the expenses of Frobisher's voyage there is an entry 'Paid William Cure, Ducheman, graver, for making a mould of hard earth of the Tartar man's image, to be cast in wax'

Hunter's arguments have been thus set forth at length not alone because he is one of the most learned and most exact of Commentators, but because they serve to show how shifting, in default of all positive evidence, are the grounds on which the dates of these plays rest, when so many proofs can be not unreasonably urged in favour of a date differing by fifteen years from that which other Commentators, equally learned and equally exact, decide to be the only date possible With me, to whom, however, the whole subject of the Chronology of these plays is indifferent, as the merest husks and the driest hulls of Shakespearian study, Hunter's arguments have weight, especially that wherein he disclaims for *The Tempest*, solely in comparison with Shakespeare's other plays, any unusual depth of maturity or of wisdom, or any indications that it is the last he wrote

This *Disquisition* of Hunter raised much adverse criticism, which naturally pro-

duced its usual effect of making the author thus criticised more tenacious than ever of his original opinions, and far more than ever convinced of their truth. The weightiest argument against his Montaigne explanation (that by Brae) Hunter never saw. When, six years later, in 1845, Hunter published his admirable *Illustrations* he reiterated and emphasised all his former arguments for the early date of *The Tempest*. Although chronologically it is a little out of place to consider these *Illustrations* here, yet it is best to combine them with the *Disquisition*, and to give in addition some account of the criticism on Hunter's theory while that theory is fresh in the reader's mind. It is thus that Hunter emphasises his belief that the log-bearing of Ferdinand supplied the title of *Love Labours Won*. 'In what way is it that Prospero makes trial of the love of Ferdinand for Miranda? How, but by imposing upon him certain labours? The particular kind of labour is the placing in a pile logs of fire-wood. He serves in this as Jacob did for Rachael, winning his bride from her austere father by them. In other words he proves the sincerity of his affection to the satisfaction of Prospero by the faithfulness with which he performs these labours, and thus his love labours win the consent of Prospero to their union, not win the willing consent of Miranda, as I have been foolishly represented as contending' (See Knight, *post*.)

He thus skilfully reinforces his assumption that Shakespeare quoted from a translation of Montaigne by Florio of an earlier date than 1603. 'It may be asked of those who rely upon the date of the folio Montaigne, whether, if they saw a quotation from one of Shakespeare's *Sonnets* in any book, they would come to the conclusion that that book must have been written after the date of the volume which contains the first printed impression of those sonnets, because, if they did, they would assuredly run a great risk of being in error, since we have the direct testimony of Meres in 1598 that the *Sonnets*, or at least some of them, were at that time well known among Shakespeare's friends, though they were not printed until eleven years afterwards "his sugred sonnets among his private friends" Or, if they found a passage quoted from the *Essays* of Sir William Cornwallis who was a pupil of Florio's, and concluded at once that the writing in which it appeared was of a later date than the first impression of those *Essays*, would they not be in great danger of error, when the editor expressly tells us that his reason for printing them was that copies were already in so many hands that it was feared a surreptitious edition might be printed by some one who obtained possession of one of those copies? There are other ways by which people become acquainted with an author's writings beside perusing them in printed books, and it would seem as if, in Shakespeare's time, there was more of the private communication of literary works than is the case at present. Poetry, at least, of that age abounds, which was first written for a private and special purpose, and lay long in manuscript open to many eyes, and thus liable to be quoted before it was committed to the printer. Dryden, in later times, is said to have verses in his translation of Virgil which really belong to the Earl of Lauderdale, though the Earl of Lauderdale's translation was not printed till some time after the death of Dryden, and no doubt, taking the whole field of our literature, many other similar instances might be collected.'

As a general rule, mere opinions, when not enforced by reasons, deserve scant consideration. It is therefore not worth while to record the bare dissent from this theory of Hunter's by many and many an editor and critic, but notice should be taken of the damaging stroke given to the assumption that Shakespeare may have seen portions of Florio's *Montaigne* as early as 1596, by BRAE, who brings forward

reasons for assuming, almost conclusively, that Florio's translation was not made until 1600 or after Brae says (*Collier, Coleridge, and Shakespeare*, 1860, p. 132) 'So long as Hunter admits,—whether rightly or wrongly shall not be here discussed,—that *The Tempest* was partially indebted to the translation by Florio of Montaigne, and, consequently, that it must have been written subsequently to that translation, he sets an impassable barrier to the dating of that play earlier than 1600. His assumption that Florio's translation, although not printed till 1603, might yet have existed in MS previously to 1598, is certainly erroneous because it may be gathered from the introductory notices to Florio's book that, with the exception of one chapter, which there is good reason to believe was the 25th of the 1st Book, no part of the translation was executed until after 1599. The prefatory lines headed *A reply upon Master Florio's answer to the Lady of Bedford's invitation to this worke*, are dated "anno 1599," and distinctly declare that Florio, although invited to the work by Lady Bedford, had not even then commenced it. And this external evidence is confirmed by the internal evidence of the translation itself, which, when compared with the several editions of the original published in France up to 1603, shows by numberless verbal indications that the edition used for the translation could not have been an earlier one than 1598, but in all probability was the Paris octavo of 1600. One of these indications consists of a remarkable misprint so early in the work as the 19th chapter of the 1st Book, but which is not found in any French edition earlier than 1600, except in a few spurious impressions of the preceding edition of 1598. This misprint occurs in a quotation from Virgil which is thus correctly printed in the Paris folio of 1595—"Manent (*dit il*) opera interrupta minaeque Murorum ingentes." The first word is misprinted *maneant* in Florio's translation. Now, with respect to the first appearance of this misprint in the French editions, Dr Payen, to whom the question was referred, and who is, unquestionably, the best authority in France upon the subject, has been so obliging as to give the following note—"Le mot *maneant* n'est pas à 1595, il y a *manent*. Il y a des exemplaires, "1598, purs sang, et des exemplaires adulterins les purs sang portent *manent*, les adulterins *maneant* et *maneant*. 1600 porte *maneant*." There is evidence, too, that the quotation passed through Florio's own hands as part and parcel of the translation, inasmuch as, although the Latin translation was executed by another hand from a correct edition, Florio himself Englished the French parenthesis in the body of the quotation in this way—"Maneant (sayth he) opera, &c." evidently copying one of the misprinted impressions.—This sort of identification, arising from the repetition of a misprint which exists only in certain editions, is the most conclusive of all,—because it cannot be explained away by the supposition of subsequent alterations after the book had been completed. Had Florio ever written the correct word, he assuredly would not afterwards alter it in conformity with a misprint.—One of these two positions, therefore, must of necessity be admitted,—either Shakespeare could not have consulted Florio's translation of Montaigne's *Essays* in the composition of *The Tempest*, or that play could not have been in existence in 1598; still less in 1596, to which Hunter assigns it.

One of Hunter's arguments is, as we have seen, that *The Tempest* must have preceded Jonson's Prologue in *Every Man in his Humour*. On the supposition that this play was performed in November, 1596, and that *The Tempest* was so fresh in men's mind that they could appreciate Jonson's allusions to it, Hunter was induced to put the date of *The Tempest* in the spring of that year. But in this supposition there are two assumptions and one positive error. The first assumption is that the Prologue, as

we have it, was written when this play was first performed. It is not in the quarto edition of 1601, and was first printed in the folio edition of 1616, and more than one editor has hence inferred, in order to make the sneers at Shakespeare hold good, that it was not written till some time after the first production, and not long before the appearance of the folio,—an inference which seems inoffensive, to say the least, to one accustomed, in the field of Shakespearian hypotheses, to ‘Gorgons and Chimeras dire,’ but which sturred deeply Gifford’s wrath (Jonson’s *Works*, i, xxviii) and was denounced by him as to be accounted for in any rational being only by the singular power of self-delusion.

The second assumption is that a play which Henslowe calls the ‘comodey of ‘Umers’ is the same with Jonson’s *Every Man in his Humour*. That it is the same was first conjectured by Malone when he printed Henslowe’s *Diary* (iii, 307), and this conjecture was accepted by Gifford (vol. i, p. xxv), and Gifford was followed in this matter by Hunter. As the ‘Umers’ was acted ten times, after its first performance, within the year, which according to Henslowe was 1597, and as Jonson in his folio 1616 expressly says that *Every Man in his Humour* was first acted in 1598, it is not possible for the two plays to have been the same. FLEAY (*Hist. of Stage*, pp. 100, 155) say that *Umers* is Chapman’s *Humourous Day’s Mirth*.

Granting, however, that the two plays are the same, Hunter’s positive error is in the date, ‘November, 1596.’ The ‘Umers’ was not performed for the first time in ‘November, 1596,’ but in May, 1597. Hunter was misled by Gifford, who evidently misread or misunderstood Malone’s transcript of Henslowe. The latter begins a new page, or a new book, or a new season as follows. ‘In the name of God, Amen, be ‘ginninge the 25 of November 1596 as foloweth, the lord admirall players,’ then follows the record of plays during ‘disember,’ ‘Janewary 1597,’ ‘febreary,’ ‘marche,’ ‘april,’ and then on the ‘11 of Maye 1597’ we have ‘Rd at the comodey of Umers.’ This, then, is the true date, and not the 25 November, 1596, at the head of the list, which Gifford mistook, and after him Hunter, and apparently the Editor of the Clarendon Press series. It is a matter of very small importance, and by no means injures Hunter’s date of *The Tempest*, except in so far as it weakens the force of Jonson’s satire by lengthening the distance between the two plays. Indeed, it is doubtful if Hunter would have acknowledged that his theory was affected one jot by the substitution of the true date of the ‘Umers,’ nor even, for the matter of that, of the date 1598 of Jonson’s play. What is really surprising is that Hunter could have maintained his belief that Jonson, in that Prologue, meant to satirise Shakespeare, after reading Gifford’s hot, indignant, and convincing protest, and that he had read Gifford is clear, from the fact that he copied his error.

KNIGHT, a free lance among editors, and the earliest rebel against the sway of Farmer, Steevens, and Malone, denies that there are any proofs to be discovered in the play itself that *The Tempest* is among the very latest of the plays. ‘Shakespeare,’ he says, ‘never could have contemplated, in health and intellectual vigour any abandonment of that occupation which constituted his happiness and glory. We have no doubt he wrote on till the hour of his last illness. His later plays are unquestionably those in which the mighty intellect is more tasked than the unbounded fancy. His later plays, as we believe, present the philosophical and historical aspect of human affairs rather than the passionate and the imaginative. The Roman historical plays are, as it appears to us, at the end of his career, as the English historical plays are at the beginning. Nothing can be more different than the principle

' of art in which the *Henry VI* and the *Antony and Cleopatra* are constructed. The Roman plays denote, we think, the growth of an intellect during five-and twenty years. *The Tempest* does not present the characteristics of the latest plays. It has the playfulness and beauty of the comedies, mingled with the higher notes of passion and solemn thought which distinguish the great tragedies. It is essentially, too, written wholly with reference to the stage, at a period when an Ariel could be presented to an imaginative audience without the prosaic encumbrance of wings. . . . *The Winter's Tale* we know was acted in 1611. Comparing the style and rhythm of *The Tempest* with *The Winter's Tale*, we have little difficulty in believing that *The Winter's Tale* is the later play. But, on the other hand, we are not disposed to separate them by any very wide interval. . . . The probability is that these plays [*Pericles*, *Cymbeline*, and *The Winter's Tale*] were produced in their present form soon after the period of Shakspeare's quitting the stage, about 1602 and 1603, and before the production of *Macbeth*, *Troilus and Cressida*, *Henry VIII*, and the Roman plays. *The Tempest* appears to us to belong to the same cycle.'

The remainder of Knight's remarks on the Date are mainly controversial over Hunter's *Disquisition*. He denies that *The Tempest* can be *Love's Labours Won*. 'The signification,' he says, 'of Shakspeare's titles would be at an end, if even a main incident were to suggest a name, instead of the general course of the thought or action. In this case there are really no Love Labours at all. The lady is *not* won by the piling of the logs, the audience know that both Ferdinand and Miranda are under the influence of Prospero's spells, and the magician has explained to them why he enforces these hard labours.' Nor will Knight allow that Jonson alludes to *The Tempest* in *Every Man in his Humour*, and yet with apparent inconsistency, and after referring to Gifford, he says that the passage in *Bartholomew Fair* still looks like a 'sly though not ill-natured' allusion to Caliban and *The Tempest*. And after citing Hunter's somewhat violent assumption that Shakespeare may have seen a translation of Montaigne which may have existed before 1596, Knight asks, 'Is this evidence?'

In the year 1842, PETER CUNNINGHAM, an honoured member of *The Shakespeare Society*, and its Treasurer, edited for that Society *Extracts from the Accounts of the Revels at Court in the Reigns of Queen Elizabeth and King James I*. Malone had already (*Var* '21, vol. iii, pp. 364-409) printed transcripts from these accounts extending from 1571 to 1588, at the close of the latter date Malone remarked: 'There are no Revels Accounts in the reign of Queen Elizabeth now extant,' and none have since been found. But Cunningham discovered among the old papers in Somerset House two additional books of these Accounts for expenses during 1604-5 and 1611-12. At the beginning of these books there were one or two loose leaves, far more precious than all the rest put together, on them were the records of the performance of eight plays of Shakespeare, or, as the name was there spelled, 'Shaxberd'. Among the recorded performances of 1611 appeared the following.

' By the Kings Hallomas nyght was presented att Whithall before y^e Kings
Players. Ma^{tie}, a play called the Tempest'

Now although this date cannot give us the date of composition of the play, it does give a date before which the play must have been written, and disposes of Chambers's date, 1613, and corroborates Malone, who said he knew that *The Tem*

pest had a 'being and a name in the autumn of 1611' This date, as well as all the others thus supplied by Cunningham's research, was accepted by all Shakespearian editors down to 1868, and by some even after that year, wherein these newly discovered items on the loose leaves of these Revels Books were found to be forgeries, the culprit is supposed to have been the editor It is a painful story of the fall of an honourable gentleman, and as a full account of these Revels Books is given in the *New Variorum* edition of *Othello*, it need not be repeated here But the strangest part of the whole affair—and yet why should we wonder at any strangeness in connection with Shakespeare? is not mystery a synonym for the few items we possess regarding him?—the strangest part of the affair is that though Cunningham's entries are unquestionably forged, yet extrinsic evidence, subsequently discovered, proves their substance to be true, at least so Halliwell says (*Outlines*, 5th ed pp 547, 609), on whose authority solely I make this statement Setting aside the extrinsic evidence afforded by a certain letter of Sir Walter Cope in regard to *Love's Labour's Lost*, I must confess that, in the case of the other plays, the evidence does not seem to be absolutely irrefragable Moreover, in the scrap of paper found among Malone's MSS, on which Halliwell founds his faith, there is no mention at all of *The Tempest*, nor is *The Tempest* item given by Halliwell in the list (p 608) which he says (p 607) is the whole of the forged record, and yet elsewhere (p 547) he refers to this *Tempest* item as a part of the forged record, and in his folio edition gives a fac-simile of it See as to these forgeries, FLEAY'S admirable *Hist of the Stage*, pp 173, 177

As this forged, yet possibly true, date of *The Tempest* really affects the theory of no critics except Garnett, and Chalmers, and Holt, if the last had any theory at all, which is doubtful, it is not worth while to devote more time or space to it It was necessary to mention it, however, in order to understand its adoption by writers between 1842 and 1868

To COLLIER (1842) the internal evidence, derived from style and language, clearly indicates that *The Tempest* was a late production, and from the 'involved and parenthetical character of some of the speeches and from the psychological resemblance,' he infers that it belongs to about the same period as *The Winter's Tale* Collier also believes that Jonson referred to *The Tempest* in his *Bartholomew Fair*, also that it was from *Every Man in his Humour*, in 1601, that Shakespeare learned the correct pronunciation of Stephano, and also that Shakespeare's knowledge of Montaigne came from the translation of 1603 There is one ingenious argument which Collier adduces (*Introd to Wint. Tale*) to prove that *The Tempest* preceded *The Winter's Tale* in the latter Shakespeare deserts the story on which he founded his play, in the way in which Perdita is exposed on the sea-coast of Bohemia In the original story the child is exposed in a rudderless boat to the wind and wave Collier surmises that Shakespeare was led thus to vary the tale because he had previously in *The Tempest* represented Prospero and Miranda turned adrift in the same manner, and he wished 'to avoid an 'objectionable similarity of incident in his two dramas' Hence on all grounds Collier's date for *The Tempest* is 1611 A ballad entitled *The Enchanted Island*, which Collier reprints from a MS volume in his possession, I have reprinted in full on p. 315

VERFLANCK, in his Introduction to the play in 1847, concedes that the cumulative evidence of all kinds leaves no doubt that *The Tempest* belongs to the later period of its author's genius, and yet that it is not the last but rather anterior than subsequent

to some others 'impressed with the same stamp of mighty but calm and subdued, 'energy' To account for this, he says that, assuming Malone's date of 1612 [*sic*] to be correct, as the date when the play was performed at the marriage of the Princess Elizabeth, his theory is that this performance was about three years 'after the composition and first representation of *The Tempest* We know from the history of 'some other plays that advantage was taken of such selections for representations on 'occasions of state festivity, to improve and give novelty to the piece by revision and 'enlargement I suppose that Shakespeare then gave to *The Tempest* the same careful revision to which he had formerly subjected *Romeo and Juliet*, but with a more 'perfect effect of unity, because the original fabric was, as in *Lear* and *Othello* of 'the same general tone, taste, and belonging to the same period of the author's intellectual character, with the enlargement To this circumstance it may be ascribed 'that the whole piece came to be regarded as its author's final work on retiring from 'the public field, while in reality that was true only of some of its nobler strains, and 'of the prophetic allusions at the end, which have stamped upon the drama the last 'impress of its author's genius, and left it as his farewell to the "rough magic," the "heavenly music," and the "airy charms," which had for years obeyed the bidding of his "so potent art"'

HALLIWELL, whose folio edition in 1856 follows Verplanck chronologically, is undecided in regard to the later or the earlier date On the whole, I think, he is inclined to side with Malone, albeit Hunter's pleadings have weight with him 'The 'similarities,' he says, p 315, 'between the passages of Montaigne and the play are 'clearly too great to be attributed to accidental coincidences And it will, therefore, be conceded that *The Tempest* was written after 1603, unless it be thought that 'Shakespeare may have read the *Essays* in their original French, a suggestion which 'as it relates to a period when the continental languages were very generally studied, 'is not to be dismissed as altogether impossible Whatever opinion may be formed 'respecting the amount of Shakespeare's classical scholarship, it is in the highest 'degree probable that he possessed a reasonable acquaintance with French and 'Italian Mr Hunter was the first to intimate that *The Tempest* might be an early 'play, and although for some time I was disposed to regard the passage from Montaigne as an insurmountable argument against such an opinion, yet on further consideration, having reference to the somewhat apologetic character of Prospero's epilogue and to the uncertainty of all reasoning on internal evidence when it is applied 'to the working of such a mind as Shakespeare's, I must candidly acknowledge to 'the belief that Mr Hunter's conclusions on this point should not be hastily rejected 'Then Halliwell cautiously adds, 'The external testimonies which have been produced in favor of this view [*viz* Hunter's] are not, however, of a satisfactory character.' Hereupon Halliwell dissents from Hunter's inference that Jonson in *Every Man in his Humour* refers to *The Tempest*, because, 'apart from the circumstance 'that it is hardly likely a satire should be aimed at Shakespeare in a play in which 'he was one of the performers, there is really nothing [in the lines from Jonson 'quoted by Hunter] which may not have applied to other dramas of the time' The allusion in *Bartholomew's Fair* to *The Tempest* Halliwell deems more distinct, and yet uncertain, and concludes, 'on the whole, that it is more likely that Jonson there 'refers to the Drolleries popular at Fairs rather than that he should make a somewhat 'clumsy reference to a drama, the merits of which he must, at least in a great degree, 'have appreciated'

Farmer's argument that *The Tempest* must have been written after *Every Man in his Humour* (which was performed in 1598 and in which Shakespeare was one of the actors), because in the former play the pronunciation of Stephano is always right, while in the *Merchant of Venice*, written earlier than either, it is always wrong, Halliwell holds in light esteem, owing to the 'fact that the name very rarely occurs in 'Shakespeare's verse and the indications of its accentuation in *The Tempest* are 'exceedingly indistinct' (p 317)

Halliwell also dissents from Steevens's conclusion that Prospero's celebrated speech in the Fourth Act was derived from Lord Sterling's *Tragedie of Darius*, 1604. 'Reflections of this kind belong to writers of all ages and countries, and there is not 'a sufficient identity of language to warrant the supposition that there must necessarily 'have been any positive imitation, unless, indeed, in the sense that both authors may 'have derived their chief idea on the subject from that impressive passage in the '*Revelation* "And I saw a great white throne and Him that sat upon it, from whose 'Face the earth and heavens fled away, and there was no place for them "'

LL conclusion Halliwell says (p 319) with truth 'There are few kinds of reasoning so uncertain as that which is founded on the occurrence of a few similarities of language and incident traced in compositions that have no real connection with each 'other, and I have looked in vain amidst the elaborate arguments of Malone and 'Chalmers for a single coincidence between the play and the tracts quoted by them, 'that may not be reasonably considered to be entirely accidental'

Thirty years later, in his *Outlines*, Halliwell commits himself no further than to express his belief that *The Tempest* was performed in 1611

'It is highly probable,' says GRANT WHITE, in his First Edition in 1857, 'that *The Tempest* was written about 1611', and he then adds, 'The thoughtful reader will 'however, find in the compact simplicity of its structure, in the chastened grandeur 'of its diction, and the lofty severity of its tone of thought, tempered although the 'one is with Shakespeare's own enchanting sweetness, and the other with that most 'human tenderness which is the peculiar trait of his mind, sufficient evidence that 'this play is the fruit of his genius in its full maturity'

Twenty-five years later, in his Second Edition, Grant White modifies his earlier statement merely to the extent of saying that the play was 'probably written about '1610.'

DYCE nowhere assigns any date for this play more exact than that it was written after 1603, the year in which Florio's *Montaigne* was published, 'unless,' he adds in his Third Edition, in 1875, 'we adopt the hypothesis that Shakespeare had seen (this 'translation) in manuscript' Possibly Dyce had not seen Brae's well-taken point as to the date of Florio's translation, but if he had, it is not impossible that he would still have made this remark about a MS translation of Montaigne I doubt if anything Brae ever said found favour in Dyce's eyes.

In 1857, CHARLES BATHURST published *Remarks on the Differences in Shakespeare's Versification in Different Periods of his Life*, wherein the tests to decide the order of the plays were the weak endings, that is, monosyllables like *and, of, in, but, &c*, used as unaccented tenth syllables in the lines, and the cæsura, or division of the pauses, and the use of double endings, like the Italian metre The limits of the classes into which he divides the plays are, as he acknowledges, somewhat arbitrary

The first,' he says (p. 4), 'is not so much distinguished from the second in the nature of the verse, as in the general incompleteness of the style, or at least, however beautiful many passages may be, the absence of that entire boldness and freedom which so singularly, according to common ideas, goes with quite unbroken passages, not infrequently, in what I have marked as his second style. To this last *King John*, for instance, and *Romeo and Juliet* belong.—In what I call the third style, his peculiar manner of unbroken verse is altered, but without as yet falling into the opposite peculiarity of his later plays, which will form his fourth style. *Measure for Measure* will serve for a specimen of the third, *Anthony and Cleopatra* and *The Winter's Tale*, remarkably, of the fourth style.'

On p. 143, Bathurst discusses *The Tempest*, which is, he says, 'in the fourth style in metre, excessively. But we are to observe that the kind of metre does not show itself through every part of a play, in any instance. There are exact breaks, when speeches succeed each other. There is rhyme in the Masque.—And I think it is in the fourth style in matter and language, but of the imaginative, natural, subdivision, not the ratiocinative, and intricate. In the extraordinary creations, of personages which cannot exist in nature, he actually seems more at home than in real men and women, while at the same time there is nothing strained, or improbable, about them. If this was his last play, his dramatic life went out, like the life of Brandimart in Ariosto, in sweet music. *Fra dolce melodia salì nel cielo*—It is quite plain, and most delightful to perceive, that the free, fanciful, rich, natural mind and style of Shakespeare's youth still existed again in his age, though sometimes kept back by various causes. But the verse was totally changed in the mean time.—There are parentheses. It is not excursive, except the passage about the "cloud capped towers"—It is very extraordinary, after the violent slap which Jonson administered to the violators of the unities, in the Prologue to his first play, 1593, that Shakespeare should have made himself liable to that accusation much more, in some of his very last plays, than he had ever done before.'

Nowhere that I can find does Bathurst fix on any year for the date of the play, we can infer from the somewhat hazy atmosphere through which he regards it, merely that he holds it to have been among the very latest.

In 1871, Dr W. A. B. HERTZBERG, in the Preface to *Cymbeline*, which he edited for the *Deutsche Shakespeare-Gesellschaft*, used, as a test to determine the relative chronological position of that play, the proportion of eleven syllable lines to the regular verses. He examined only seventeen other plays, and beginning (p. 292) with *Love's Labour's Lost* at 4%, ended with *The Winter's Tale* at 31.09%, *Cymbeline* 32%, *The Tempest* 32%, and *Henry the Eighth* at 44%. He thus concluded that this internal metrical evidence was adequately corroborated by the external evidence.

In 1874, F. G. FLEAY, who had been silently working for many years on this very subject of metrical tests, tabulated (*New Shakespeare Society's Transactions*, Part I, p. 16) all Shakespeare's plays under the number of their prose lines, their blank verses, rhymes, double endings, &c., and by means of rhymes as a test divided them into groups. This table, with some important modifications, and with the addition of the years when Shakespeare is supposed to have written the plays, is the basis on which *The New Shakespeare Society* sets up its rest, as it is given (p. cxxiii) in the Preface by FURNIVALL in *The Leopold Shakespeare*, with the date 1610.

According to Fleay, the plays in 'The Fourth Period' are *Julius Caesar* with 34

rhyming lines, *Coriolanus* with 42, *Anthony and Cleopatra* with 42, *The Tempest* with 2, and *Winter's Tale* with none. Be it remembered that these rhyming lines are by no means the only tests which Fleay applies to his groups, the proportion of double endings is a highly important factor, but if the use of rhymes really represents Shakespeare's dramatic growth, then the contrast is striking between his very early play, *Love's Labour's Lost*, with its 1028 rhyming lines, and *The Winter's Tale* with none. Be it also observed that when Fleay allows but 2 rhyming five measure lines (songs are, of course, omitted) to *The Tempest*, he does not include the 54 rhyming lines in the Masque, which, if rhyme were the only test, would be a serious weakness in any grouping founded on it. It may be not unfairly inferred from this Masque that it was the subject, and not merely a result of dramatic growth in Shakespeare, which dictated his use of rhyme, and that if Shakespeare were dramatising a story as light and airy as *Love's Labour's Lost*, he would have filled it with rhymes whether he were in his twenty-fourth or his fifty-fourth year.

In the *Jahrbuch* of the *German Shakespeare Society* for 1872 (Vol VII, p. 29, also *Essays* trans. by L. Dora Schmitz, London, p. 1) KARL ELZE urges, with his wonted zeal and learning, a new date, 1604, founded on an allusion in Jonson's *Volpone*, III, ii, where Lady Politick Would-Be, speaking of Guarini's *Pastor Fido*, says 'All our English writers, I mean such as are happy in the Italian, Will deign 'to steal out of this author, mainly Almost as much as from Montaigné. He has so 'modern and facile a vein, Fitting the time and catching the court-ear,' &c. 'Almost 'as much as from Montaigné!' exclaims Elze. 'Against whom is this thrust directed?' 'What poet of the Elizabethan period borrowed from Montaigne?' We cannot discover 'any except the celebrated lines in *The Tempest*. From the continual and careful 'investigations of the Elizabethan literature it might be thought that such passages 'could not have remained undiscovered if they existed. If, therefore, the passage applies to *The Tempest*, and it is impossible for us to say to what else, the composition of the latter must be assigned to a date different from that which has been 'hitherto supposed. *Volpone* was acted as early as 1605. Thus *The Tempest* would at latest fall to the year 1604, a year after Florio's *Montaigne*. This in 'itself is much more credible than the supposition that Shakespeare, as late as 1611, 'should have referred to and made use of this book, which was then no longer new. 'If Shakespeare was struck by the surprising idea of the natural state, such as he 'met with in Montaigne's description, he must doubtless have felt induced to make 'an early use of it.' It is needless to remark that in this essay, Elze, as usual, shows his familiarity with what had been written both in English and in German on the subject.

In 1874, Professor INGRAM (*New Sh. Soc. Trans.* 1874, Part ii, p. 448), in a thorough and admirable manner, applied as one of the tests for discovering the chronology of the plays the use by Shakespeare of 'light' and of 'weak' endings. (*Light* endings, according to the nice discrimination of Professor Ingram, are words in which the voice can to a certain small extent dwell, such as *am, are, art, be, &c.*; *weak* endings are words so essentially auxiliary to other words that we are forced to connect them as closely as possible with the words to which they belong in the next line, such as *to, with, at, of, &c.*) According to the list thus made, beginning with *Love's Labour's Lost* as No. 1, and ending with *Henry VIII* as No. 33, *The Tempest* stands No. 29, with *Pericles* No. 28, and *Cymbeline* No. 30, and *The Winter's Tale* No. 31.

It is to be remembered that all that rhythmical tests attempt to give is merely the sequence of the plays. They cannot give us years or dates, without extrinsic evidence.

D. WILLIAM ALDIS WRIGHT finds in the 'not improbable' allusions in *Bartholomew Fair* to *The Tempest* an ultimate limit for the date of the latter. The superior limit seems to be fixed, he thinks, by Florio's *Montaigne* in 1603. After rehearsing Malone's arguments founded on the Western voyages and shipwrecks, Wright thus temperately concludes 'it is of course possible to make too much of coincidences of this kind, but, in the absence of positive proof, there appears to be reasonable ground for the conclusion that *The Tempest* was written about the end of 1610 or the beginning of 1611'. And, again, 'Taking into consideration the internal evidence derived from the style and metre of the play, these alone would lead us to assign it to a late rather than to an early period in Shakespeare's dramatic career'.

HUDSON, after reviewing the arguments brought forward by Malone, concludes that '1610 is as early a date as can well be assigned for the composition'. 'Concurrent with all this is the internal evidence of the play itself. The style, language, and general cast of thought, the union of richness and severity, the grave, austere beauty of character which pervades it, and the organic compactness of the whole structure, all go to mark it as an issue of the Poet's ripest years. I can hardly think that Shakespeare had any reference to himself in the passage [where Prospero abjures his "rough magic," and buries his staff and drowns his book], for, besides that he did not use to put his own feelings and purposes into the mouth of his characters, the doing so in this case would infer such a degree of self-exaltation as, it seems to me, his native and habitual modesty would scarce permit'.

J. SURTEES PHILLPOTTS (*Rugby Edition*), while granting that 1610 or 1611 seems to be the most probable date, believes that there is really no trustworthy evidence for fixing on any particular year between 1610 and 1616, when Shakespeare's death took place. 'But in any case the external evidence makes *The Tempest* one of Shakespeare's latest efforts, and the internal evidence leads to the same conclusion'. This internal evidence Phillpotts finds, first, in reviewing 'as far as we can the experiences gone through by Shakespeare himself', as well as a comparison of the play with those which were written at about the same time, and, secondly, in the metrical form. Under the first head, it is said that '*The Tempest*, with *Cymbeline* and *The Winter's Tale*, form a group succeeding the great tragedies, *Othello*, *Lear*, *Hamlet*, which show Shakespeare's mind to have been grappling with the disappointments and trials of life. . . So little is known of the life of Shakespeare that we can only surmise that there may have been something in his own lot which forced him to such contemplation of sorrow and evil, and especially of the baseness of ingratitude'. Secondly, in the metrical tests, Phillpotts adopts the tables made out by the *New Shakespeare Society*.

At the close of a short discussion in *Notes and Queries* (7th S. i, 72, 150, 1886) on the *Date of the Tempest*, which showed that Hunter's theory of an early date can still claim adherents, Dr BR. NICHOLSON says (*ib* p. 298). 'In every way the versification and other matters point to a very late date. The references to the incidents of the shipwreck of Somers abundantly show that our play was written

'after the news of this disaster had reached England. These references are more numerous than those to contemporary circumstances in England or elsewhere that occur in any other of Shakespeare's plays, except possibly in *Hamlet*—I do not hold, as did Hunter, that it and *Love's Labour's Won* are one and the same play, but that the former was, at least so far as the versification is concerned, wholly recast. What I look on as proofs of their innate identity seem to me to prove both this and the hurry with which the earlier play was remodelled, so as to attract and catch the public pulse while the exciting news of the disaster and the probable failure of the adventurers were still dwelling in their mouths and ears. It was this hurry which I thought of itself might have produced or have preserved that which [has been deemed] immature, though to [me] there is no immaturity, but rather the reverse. Similarly, I see not that Ariel's mention of the Bermoothes shows that Shakespeare could not have referred to the shipwreck of Somers there. When *Love's Labour's Won* was written, he may have had Lampedusa in his mind—if his authority named it—but when he wrote our *Tempest*, he without doubt was thinking of what had occurred at Bermoothes itself.' See also Nicholson's note on III, 1, 28-30.

FLEAY (*Life and Work of Shakespeare*, 1886, p. 248), after conceding that Malone has shown that in *The Tempest* are to be found many particulars derived from Jourdan's narrative, published in October, 1610, says that it does not follow, however because this October pamphlet was used in the storm scenes, that therefore 'none of the play was written before that month, but that the date of its first appearance was in October to November, 1610, I have little doubt. This and [*The Winter's Tale*] were surely Shakespeare's last plays. He began his career with the Chamberlain's Company (after his seven years' apprenticeship in conjunction with others, 1587-94) with a *Midsummer Dream*, he finishes with a *Winter's Tale*, and so his playwright's work is rounded, twenty-four years, each year an hour in the brief day of work, and then the rounding with a sleep.'

DEIGHTON 'The more generally accepted date is 1610 or 1611, but whatever the precise year, internal evidence, from style, thought, and metre, proves beyond doubt that it belongs to Shakespeare's latest period of authorship, and is of the same group as *Cymbeline*, *The Winter's Tale*, and *King Henry the Eighth*.'

Apparently TIECK was unaware of the existence of the Vertue MS when he placed the date of the composition of this play in 1613. He does not allude to it, but, while urging that the play refers to the marriage of the Princess Elizabeth and the Palatine, supposes that *The Tempest* was written for the opening of the Globe Theatre while the memory of the recent festivities attending that marriage was fresh in men's minds. 'Prospero,' he goes on to say (*Sh. Dramat. Werke*, Berlin, 1826, vol. IV, p. 314), 'a wise magician, who had in lieu of other teachers educated his daughter himself, was invested by Shakespeare with a certain resemblance to King James, who was likewise fond of imparting instruction to his favorites, and had even written a book on magic.' I should have thought it hardly worth while to record this conjecture of Tieck—which, in effect, is a repetition of Chalmers's—had it not happened that the latest critic had revived the same idea with reference to the resemblance between Prospero and King James.

Dr GARNETT (*Universal Review*, April, 1889, p. 556) revives Chalmers's and

Tieck's date, and, adducing arguments in its favour of greater force than ever Chalmers put forth, undertakes to show, first, that *The Tempest* was written for performance before a private audience and on occasion of a marriage, secondly, that the particular audience and the particular marriage are known by documentary evidence, and further revealed by evident allusions to the personality of the bridegroom and to the recent death of Prince Henry, and by the introduction of King James himself into the piece, thirdly, that there is additional internal evidence for the date 1613, and no evidence for any other date. It is assumed, from internal evidence, that *The Tempest* is a late play, and an allusion to the 'still-vev'd Bermoothes' could hardly have been an accident, but must refer to the shipwreck of Sir George Somers, made known by Jourdan's pamphlet in 1610. 'It is impossible to doubt that Jourdan's narrative must have been familiar to [Shakespeare]. The numerous parallels produced by Malone leave no room for question.' Malone's error consists in assuming that because Jourdan's narrative was 'published in October, 1610, therefore the play must have been written immediately afterwards. We have, on the contrary, no right to assume that the piece was written before the first notice we have of its representation,' which is derived from Vertue's MS. The proofs that *The Tempest* was written for private representation, and for no ordinary audience, Garnett finds in the two following circumstances. First, its brevity, if written for a court performance, 'the time of the monarch and his guests must not be unduly encroached upon, and the piece must not be on too large a scale to be written, rehearsed, and put on the stage with great expedition.' Secondly, for the same reasons, 'it would be an object to have as few changes of scene as possible. *The Tempest* is unique among Shakespeare's plays in this respect. After the brief representation of the deck of the storm-tossed vessel with which the play opens, there is practically but one scene, for though the action occasionally shifts from the space before Prospero's cell to some other part of the island, everything is avoided which might necessitate a change of decoration' [Garnett does not take me with him here. I think he overlooks the unusually elaborate machinery required for the appearance of the banquet in the Third Act, and for its instant disappearance.] 'The strongest argument,' continues Garnett, 'is the introduction of two masques such as were in Shakespeare's age usually presented to sovereigns on occasions of ceremony. . . . Shakespeare must have had some very cogent motive for introducing this apparently aimless pageantry into the very heart of his drama. This could be nothing else than the fact that, in one point of view, *The Tempest* is a spectacular play for the entertainment of princes and courtiers upon some great occasion, and that from another, the seeming impertinence enabled him to stamp his piece as a hymeneal drama. To condense our argument to a point, this nuptial interlude is either a mere idle excrescence or pregnant with significance. The former it cannot be, for if it is removed the Fourth Act tumbles to pieces, and the finest passage in the drama goes along with it. If, on the other hand, it has a significance, this must relate to something in the situation of the spectators, who must have been aware of some circumstance justifying its introduction, and this could be nothing else than a marriage deeply interesting to some persons among the audience.' Vertue's MS reveals the occasion and the audience, and the purpose of the drama becomes perfectly clear. 'Everything bespeaks a royal marriage, and everything corresponds with the royal marriage of 1613. The foreign prince come from beyond sea, the island princess who has never left her home, the wise father who brings about the auspicious consummation by his policy,—all found their counterparts among the splendid company that watched the performance on that February night.

'The perception of the absolute appropriateness of the piece to the occasion must have heightened their enjoyment to a degree which, even with our vastly enhanced reverence for the genius of Shakespeare, we cannot reproduce. Every point would be new and bright, every allusion would be taken as soon as made. What a smile, for instance, must have gone round at Gonzalo's speech "Would they believe me" "If I should say I saw such islanders?"—But that assembly numbered shadows as well as men. *The Tempest* would hardly have existed in its present form, and certainly would have been far from exemplifying Shakespeare's courtly tact and tender humanity, but for the gloom thrown upon the marriage festivities by the recent death of the King's eldest son.' Garnett here gives briefly the dates of the negotiation for the royal marriage, and its interruption by the sudden death of Prince Henry in November, and of the betrothal in December, and finds that in January 'the black is wearing out and the marriage pomps preparing', among these was 'the preparation of *The Tempest*, which may have been commissioned about the end of November. Shakespeare thus found himself in a position as trying as ever tested the dexterity of a courtier or the humanity of a man. How to reconcile the demands of sorrow and joy on this unparalleled occasion? To ignore the late affliction would be heartless, and an insult to the King, but how to recognise it without darkening the nuptial joy, and suggesting omens as sinister as Marie Antoinette's tapestry? In the entire range of Shakespeare's art there is nothing more exquisite than the skill with which he has solved the problem. The recent calamity is not unrecognised, on the contrary, the supposed death of the drowned Prince is a most vital incident, kept continually in view. But, by a consummate stroke of genius, the woe is taken away from Prospero, the representative of James, and transferred to the house of his enemy. The lost prince is duly mourned, but not by his real father. James is reminded of his bereavement, but it is not obtruded upon him. The sense of loss mingles, a fine and almost imperceptible element, with the general cheerfulness. In the end the hitherto sonless Prospero gains a son, as the bereaved James is gaining one in the Palatine, while, a compliment within a compliment, delicate allusion is made to the promise of Prince Charles. If this be refined flattery, it is also refined humanity. To ignore it is to miss the key to the interpretation of the play. We should also lose the best evidence we possess of the speedy working of Shakespeare's imagination, how, in quite another sense than Johnson's, "panting Time" "toiled after him in vain." The supposed death of Ferdinand is so vital a portion of the plot that the play cannot have been undertaken without it. We have seen, however, that the incident which suggested it did not occur until November 6 preceding the marriage, which was solemnised on February 14. The representation must have preceded the wedding, otherwise Prospero's exhortation to pre-nuptial chastity would have lost all force. This marvellous work must accordingly have been planned, written, and put upon the stage within less than three months. Nothing can give a higher idea of the activity of Shakespeare's genius, while at the same time we discern cogent reasons for the comparative brevity of the play.' Garnett next proceeds to show what Chalmers maintained, and after him Tieck, that in Prospero James is represented, and, to prove this, vindicates James's character to an extent whereto, I fear, he will find but few followers. 'It was James's misfortune,' he urges, p. 562, 'that his defects were mostly of an unkingly sort, and such as easily lend themselves to ridicule. [Prospero's] character is full of dramatic irony [He] is wise and good indeed, but not so much of either as he thinks himself. He betrays fretfulness, irritability, and self-importance, reminding us of the limitations of

'the highest humanity, and contrasting sharply with his preternatural power But these traits do not lie upon the surface, and upon a broad view of the character it is impossible to conceive one more completely embodying James's ideal of himself, or more dexterously, and at the same time truthfully, bringing the really strong sides of his personality into view A wise, humane, pacific prince, gaining his ends not by violence, but by policy, devoted to far off purposes which none but himself can realise, much less fathom, independent of counsellors, safely contemptuous of foes, and controlling all about him by his superior wisdom, keeping in the background till the decisive hour has struck, and then interfering effectually, devoted to lawful knowledge, but the sworn enemy of black magic,—such was James in James's eyes, and such is Prospero' In conclusion Garnett refers to one or two minor points which are in favour of the date 1613, and which have been mentioned by one or another critic in the foregoing pages, such as the tempestuous autumn and winter of 1612, and the atmosphere of discovery and colonisation which can be felt, rather than proved, in *The Tempest*

After having listened patiently to all that our betters have to say on the subject, what, we may ask, is the conclusion of the whole matter? We have seen that in order to discover the date at which Shakespeare wrote this play, we have to accept at least two assumptions the first is, that in Gonzalo's speech there is a reminiscence, at least, of Florio's translation of Montaigne,—this assumption we may accept The other assumption by editors and critics is one to which I, for one, find it difficult, if not impossible, to assent

It is, namely, that the poets of the Elizabethan age,—and not the small poets either, but the greatest and the best,—were continually forsaking the lofty themes and the high aims of their art, to gird, and snarl, and sneer at their contemporaries or rivals And this, too, not in print, where it would make a permanent and effective impression, but in fleeting speeches on a public stage, before an audience whose favour they desired to win by gaming and keeping its attention through a display of their finest skill As a jest's prosperity lies in the ear of him who hears it, so these allusions, granting that they exist, depended for their point on the knowledge of the hearers Was Caliban so ever-present in the thoughts of the rude audience at The Blackfriars that, at the bare allusion to a 'servant-monster,' Caliban was instantly recalled and 'heeded less of grammar, they all cried, "That's him"?' Unless thus readily recognized, the point of the allusion was lost Where was the sting if nobody saw it? Jonson's lofty ideal as a dramatic poet, and his honest endeavours to elevate the stage, are acknowledged on all sides, but how can they be reconciled with a constant desertion of them in mean, petty sneers at a friend whom in private life he almost idolised Be it remembered that I refer only to the Golden Age of the Elizabethan drama What is true of this Age may not apply to other and later Ages

It seems to me that in thus dealing with these dramas, and in the assumption of these allusions, we are forgetting not only the conditions of the Elizabethan stage and its audiences, but even of human nature itself

Lastly, is there any really valuable end to be gained by an investigation, such as is set forth in the preceding pages, into the years when Shakespeare wrote this play? Is there any possible intellectual gain in the knowledge of the exact date? Do we thrill with pleasure in contemplating the year 1610 as that wherein *The Tempest* was written? Do Ariel's songs sound the sweeter for it? Are we to be thankful to Shakespeare for having written his plays in certain years, or are we to be thankful for

the plays themselves? As a mere intellectual exercise an elaborate investigation may prove beneficial, but a second-rate drama, by an insignificant poet, will serve this purpose quite as well as *The Tempest*, while, at the same time, we shall be saved from the mortifying delusion that in pursuing such an investigation as the present we are really learning anything of lasting advantage to us in regard to the immortal plays of William Shakespeare

To recapitulate, the *Date of The Composition of The Tempest* is assigned as follows —

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| By HUNTER | to 1596 |
| " KNIGHT | to 1602 or 1603 |
| " DYCE, STAUNTON | after 1603 |
| " ELZE | to 1604 |
| " VERPLANCK | to 1609 |
| " HERAUD, FLEAY, FURNIVALL | to 1610 |
| " MALONE, STEEVENS, COLLIER, W W LLOYD, HALLIWELL, GRANT WHITE (ed 1), KEIGHTLEY, Rev JOHN HUNTER, W A WRIGHT, STOKES, HUDSON, A W WARD, D MORRIS | to 1610-1611 |
| " CHALMERS, TIECK, GARNETT | to 1613 |
| " HOLT | to 1614 |
| " CAPELL (?), FARMER, SKOTTOWE, CAMPBELL, BATHURST, The COWDEN-CLARKES, PHILLPOTTS, GRANT WHITE (ed 11), DEIGHTON, | a late, or the latest, play |

The voice of the majority pronounces in favour of 1610-1611 Let us all, therefore, acquiesce, and henceforth be, in this regard, shut up in measureless content

SOURCE OF THE PLOT

IN Theobald's edition are to be found the earliest Explanatory Notes on Shakespeare, and as that editor lived long before there was turned on all Shakespearian questions that 'fierce light' which has since 'beaten upon' them, it is not surprising that what are mere allusions or casual remarks by Theobald have been, since his day, expanded into far-reaching discussions In the present play there is a case in point In a note on the 'still vex'd Bermoothes' Theobald observed that the Bermudas 'are likewise call'd *Summer Islands*, from Sir George *Summers*, who in 1609 made that 'voyage, and, viewing them, probably first brought the English acquainted with 'them, and invited them afterwards to settle a Plantation there' As far as any aid is concerned in discovering the materials used by Shakespeare in the composition of *The Tempest*, this remark lay dormant until the days of Malone.

In the mean time Warburton expressed his suspicion that *The Tempest* had been taken by Shakespeare 'from some Italian writer; the *Unities* being all so regularly 'observed, which no dramatic writers but the Italians observed so early as our Author's time, and which Shakespeare has observed nowhere but in this Play. Besides, the persons of the Drama are all *Italians*' Attracted by the word Necromancer, Warburton suggested the titles of two Italian Plays which he had found in Riccoboni's Catalogue. *Il Negromante* di L Ariosto, and *Il Negromante Palliato* di Gio Angelo Petrucci (See V, i, 339)

HEATH and CAPELL, however, said that Warburton was 'mistaken in both of them' Of *The Tempest* itself, Capell says (1, 68) that it 'has rather more of the novel in it than [in other plays], but no one has yet pretended to have met with 'such a novel, nor anything else that can be suppos'd to have furnish'd Shakespeare 'with materials for writing this play, the fable of which must therefore pass for 'entirely his own production, till the contrary can be made to appear by any future 'discovery'

This remark of Capell is as true now as when it was uttered, as far as concerns any play or novel which can be considered as the one sole source of *The Tempest*, but it has long ceased to be correct, as it is supposed, in regard to 'the materials' which Shakespeare gathered from various sources and used in the composition of the play

Seeing, therefore, that no single source of the whole play has yet been discovered, we must forego the pleasure of a forthright, and be restricted to meanders, and need not be surprised if we find as great a maze as e'er we trod That which many critics maintain to be the nearest attempt at a forthright is Jacob Ayre's *Schöne Sidea*, which must be discussed in its turn, in the mean while, however, we must attempt to follow certain devious paths, with the foreknowledge that each can carry us but a little way and will inevitably end in a blind

MALONE, in his edition of 1790, gave a note by T WARTON to the effect that Collins, the poet, had said that the plot of *The Tempest* was derived from a romance called *Aurelio and Isabella*, printed in Italian, Spanish, French, and English in 1588, but that Collins was mistaken What Warton said was condensed by Malone, and as Malone's too concise statement has been again and again repeated, the impression has been apparently received by some editors that Collins erred in thinking that he had ever even seen a romance called *Aurelio and Isabella*, whereas the impression which Warton means to convey is that Collins, whose mind was then darkened, had been mistaken in supposing that the plot of that romance bore any resemblance to that of *The Tempest* BOSWELL says that he 'had indeed been told by a friend that he had 'some years ago actually perused an Italian novel which answered to Mr Collins's 'description' 'All this is very tantalizing,' says W A WRIGHT, in the *Clarendon Edition*, but I strongly suspect that Boswell's friend misunderstood Collins's error, and thought that it lay in the existence of a novel called *Aurelio and Isabella*, and not in the supposition that this romance contained the plot of *The Tempest*. Hence, I think, in this connection we may forget Boswell and his friend, especially as COLLIER tells us that he had 'turned over the pages of, we believe, every Italian novelist, 'anterior to the age of Shakespeare, in hopes of finding some story containing traces 'of the incidents of *The Tempest*, but without success' It needs but a glance to see that *Aurelio and Isabella* has nothing whatsoever in common with *The Tempest* Its closing words reveal its drift 'Eynde of the storey of Aurelio and of Isabell, in the 'whiche is disputed the whiche geues more occasion of sinninge the man vnto the 'woman, or the woman vnto the man' The four languages are printed in parallel columns, the English is translated, I think, from the French, although apparently the story was written originally in Spanish,—a MS note in my copy by 'The Compiler of 'Bohn's Catalogue' states that 'the author is Juan de Flores.' As a specimen of the English we read, on p. A 3, where two young knights conclude to conceal from each other their common love. 'And selfe lyke and yfit had bene possible vnto him selfe 'willingly, euerye one of them shuld haue hidden it.' Perhaps, after all, Collins was right. in such a whirlwind of words there ought to be the germ of a tempest

Warton's unabridged note, which, if Malone had originally printed *ipsissimus verbus*, might perhaps have saved some confusion, is as follows (*Hist of Eng Poetry* vol III, p 477) 'Nor do I know with what propriety the romance of *Aurelio and Isabella*, the scene of which is laid in Scotland, may be mentioned here But it was printed in 1586, in one volume, in Italian, French, and English And again, in Italian, Spanish, French, and English in 1588 I was informed by the late Mr Collins, of Chichester, that Shakespeare's *Tempest*, for which no origin is yet assigned, was formed on this favourite romance But although this information has not proved true on examination, an useful conclusion may be drawn from it, that Shakespeare's story is somewhere to be found in an Italian novel, at least that the story preceded Shakespeare Mr Collins had searched this subject with no less fidelity than judgement and industry, but his memory failing in his last calamitous indisposition, he probably gave me the name of one novel for another I remember he added a circumstance which may lead to a discovery that the principal character of the romance, answering to Shakespeare's Prospero, was a chemical necromancer, who had bound a spirit like Ariel to obey his call and perform his services It was a common pretence of the dealers in the occult sciences to have a demon at command At least Aurelio, or Orelia, was probably one of the names of this romance. the production and multiplication of gold being the grand object of alchemy'

In the discussion of 'The Date of Composition' it is seen how important a part is played by the popular interest which must have attended (so the Commentators assume) the published Accounts of the expeditions which set sail from England for the purpose of visiting the New World, or of colonising Virginia, from the days of Raleigh, in 1596, down to the year 1612 With this popular excitement, or with the dates of these various expeditions, by whom commanded, or by what fate attended, we are not here concerned The shipwreck and the storm in Shakespeare's *Tempest* were enough to direct attention to accounts of voyages, and to them THEOBALD, WARBURTON, JOHNSON, CAPELL, FARMER, and STEEVENS referred, and used them here and there in illustration of Shakespeare's text As the 'Bermoothes' are mentioned in the play, it was natural to refer to the historic shipwreck of Sir George Somers, which had made those islands famous But none of these editors or critics had detected in the accounts of this shipwreck any clues leading to *The Tempest* or expressed any suspicion that this disastrous storm gave rise to the play One of the fullest and most circumstantial accounts of this storm is given in a pamphlet entitled *A Discovery of the Bermudas, otherwise called the Isle of Devils, by Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, and Captain Newport, with divers others*, 1610 It was written by Sil. Jourdan, and MALONE tells us (*Var.* '21, vol xv, p 432) that it was while reading this narrative and Jourdan's account of the disaster that befell his Admiral that 'the passage in *The Tempest*, in which an account is given of the dispersion of Alonso's fleet, and that the king's ship was, by those who escaped the peril of the storm, supposed to be lost, as well as the peculiar manner in which that ship is said to have been preserved, struck me so forcibly that I thought Shakespeare must have had the incidents attending Somers's voyage immediately in view when he wrote his comedy'

Ever since Malone's day, his opinion in regard to this source of several of the incidents in *The Tempest* has been generally accepted, the passages in Jourdan's pamphlet containing these sources are as follows (they are taken from Malone's *Account of The Incidents from which The Title and Part of the Story of Shake*

speare's Tempest were derived, and its True Date ascertained, 1808, p 22 et seq)

' Jourdan, after informing his reader that he was one of those who sailed from England with Sir George Somers and Sir Thomas Gates in the *Sea-adventure* [the name of their ship, "of about 300 ton"], proceeds to relate the circumstances of the storm which happened on the 25th of July, 1609. They were bound for Virginia, and at that time in thirty degrees north latitude. The whole crew, amounting to one hundred and fifty persons, weary with pumping, had given all for lost and began to drink their strong waters, AND TO TAKE LEAVE OF EACH OTHER [these small capitals and Italics are retained from Malone's reprint], 'intending to commit themselves to the mercy of the sea. Sir George Somers, who had sat three days and nights on the poop, with no food and little rest, at length descried land, and encouraged them (MANY FROM WEARINESS HAVING FALLEN ASLEEP) to continue at the pumps. They complied, and fortunately the ship was driven and JAMMED BETWEEN TWO ROCKS, "fast lodged and locked for further budging." One hundred and fifty persons got ashore, and by means of their boat and skiff, for this was "half a mile from land," they saved such part of their goods and provisions as the water had not spoiled, all the tackling and much of the iron of their ship, which was of great service to them in fitting out another vessel to carry them to Virginia.

"But our delivery," says Jourdan, "was not more strange in falling so opportunely and happily upon the land, as [than] our feeding and provision was, beyond our hopes, and all men's expectations, most admirable, for the Islands of the Bermudas, as every man knoweth that hath heard or read of them, were NEVER INHABITED by any christian or heathen people, but ever esteemed and reputed a most prodigious and INCHANTED PLACE, affording nothing*but gusts, storms, and foul weather, which made every navigator and mariner to avoid them as Scylla and Charybdis, or as they would shunne the Divell himself and no man was ever heard to make for this place, but as, against their wils, they have, by storms and dangerousnesse of the rocks lying seven leagues into the sea, suffered shipwracke. Yet did we finde there THE AYRE SO TEMPERATE and the COUNTRY SO ABUNDANTLY FRUITFULL of all fit necessaries for the sustentation and preservation of man's life, that, most in a manner of all our provision of bread, beere, and victuall, being quite spoyled in lying long drowned in salt water, notwithstanding we were there for the space of nine months (few days over or under) we were not only well refreshed, comforted, and with good satiety contented, but out of the abundance thereof provided us some reasonable quantity and proportion of provision to carry us for Virginia, and to maintain our selves and that company we found there —wherefore my opinion sincerely of this island is, that whereas it hath beene, and is still accounted the most dangerous, unfortunate, and forlorne place of the world, it is in truth the richest, healthfullest, and pleasing land, (the quantity and bignesse thereof considered,) and meerely naturall, as ever man set foote upon."

'On the 28th of July they landed. They all then began to search for provision. In half an hour, Sir Thomas Gates took as many fishes with hookes as sufficed the whole company for one day. When a man stepped into the water, the fish came round about him. "These fishes were very fat and sweete, and of that proportion and bignesse, that three of them will conveniently lade two men: those we called ROCK-FISH. Besides, there are such abundance of mullets, that with a seane might be taken at one draft one thousand at the least, and infinite store of pilchards."

'There was also a great plenty of cray-fish The country afforded such an abundance of hogs, that Sir George Somers brought in thirty-two at one time

"There is fowle in great abundance in the islands, where they breed, that there hath beene taken in two or three howres a thousand at the least, being of the bignesse of a good pigeon

"Another sea-fowle there is, that lyeth in little holes in the ground, like unto a coney-hole, and are in great numbers, exceeding good meat, very fat and sweet, (those we had in the winter,) and their egges are white, and of that bignesse, that they are not to be knowne from hen-egges "

"The birds he describes as exceedingly tame they came so near them, that they killed many of them with a stick They found great store of tortoises or turtles, prickled pears in abundance, which continued green on the trees all the year The island, he adds, was supplied with many mulberry trees, white and red, palmitis and cedar trees, and no venomous creature was found there

"To dissipate the gloom and despondency occasioned by the disaster of the former year, and to shew the practicability and probable advantages of settling a colony in Virginia, were the principal objects of the pamphlet published under the authority of the Council in the latter end of 1610, which is written with a vigour, animation, and elegance rarely found in the tracts of those times Though that part of it with which alone we are concerned, or in other words, which relates to Bermuda, differs but little in substance from the account that preceded it, relating nearly the same facts and events in much better language, it is yet necessary to be briefly noticed, because Shakspeare assuredly would not neglect to peruse this authentick narrative * It has indeed an additional claim to our attention, for the writer of this tract, having compared the disastrous tempest which wrecked Sir George Somers and his associates on the island of Bermuda, and their subsequent escape from the immediate destruction which threatened them, to those dramatick compositions in which similar changes of fortune are represented, and sorrow and mirth artfully intermingled, perhaps suggested to Shakspeare the thought of forming these adventures into a play, and to him, in some measure, we may have been indebted for this delightful comedy

"True it is" (says this Narrative), "that when Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Summers, and Captaine Newport, were in the height of 27, and the 24th of July, 1609, there arose such a storme, as if Jonas had been flying unto Tarshish the heavens were obscured, and made an Egyptian night of three daies perpetuall horror, the women lamented, the hearts of the passengers failed, the experience of the sea captaines was amased; the skill of the mariners was confounded, the ship most violently leaked. . . .

"These islands of the Bermudos have ever been accounted as an INCHAUNTED pile of rockes, and A DESERT INHABITATION FOR DIVELS, but all the faeries of the rocks were but flocks of birds, and all the divels that haunted the woods were but heards of swine. . . .

"Consider all these things together. At the instant of neede they descryed Iard, halfe an hower more had buried their memorial in the sea If they had felt by night, what expectation of light from an uninhabited desert? They fell betwixt a laberinth of rockes, which they conceive are mouldred into the sea by

* "A true Declaration of the estate of the Colome in Virginia, with a confutation of such scandalous reports as have tended to the disgrace of so worthy an enterprise Published by advice and direction of the Councell of Virginia " 4to, 1610

thunder and lightning This was not Ariadne's thread, but the direct line of "God's providence If it had not beene so NEERE LAND, their companie or provision had perished by water, if they had not found hogs, and foule, and fish, they had perished by famine if there had not beene fuell, they had perished by want of fire if there had not beene timber, they could not have transported themselves to Virginia, but must have beene forgotten for ever

"What is there in all this TRAGICALL-COMÆDIE, that should discourage us with impossibilitie of the enterprise? when of all the fleet, one onely ship by a secret leakage was indangered, and yet in the gulfe of despaire was so graciously preserved "

Thus much we learn from Jourdan's *Narrative* and *A true Declaration*, hereupon Malone resumes his argument, and deems it of importance first of all to call attention to the fact that during 'a great part of the year 1610 it was supposed in England that the ship containing the Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia and Sir George Somers, the Admiral, which had been separated from the fleet, was lost, but Shakespeare, when he wrote his play, KNEW THAT IT WAS SAFE a circumstance ascertained by Jourdan's pamphlet, and that issued out by the Council' 'It now remains,' continues Malone, 'to shew that Shakspeare, when he wrote *The Tempest*, had in view the particular disaster of which so ample an account has been given To fix as nearly as possible the exact time of his writing it, I have said that he knew that the Admiral-ship was safe, and thus appears by the following lines, which manifestly allude to that circumstance and several others attending the tempest that dispersed Somers's fleet, and finally wrecked the vessel he was in, on one of the Bermuda islands'

"PROSPERO Hast thou, spirit,

Perform'd to point the tempest that I bade thee?

ARIEL To every article

I boarded the KING'S SHIP, now on the beak,

Now in the waist, the deck, in every cabin,

I flamed amazement ——

PRO Why, that's my spirit

But was not this NIGH SHORE?

ARI CLOSE BY, my master

PRO. But ARE THEY, Ariel, SAFE?

ARI NOT A HAIR PERISH'D;

On their sustaining garments not a blemish,

But fresher than before, and, as thou bad'st me,

In troops I have dispers'd them 'bout the isle ——

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PRO Of THE KING'S SHIP,

The mariners, say, how thou hast dispos'd,

And all the rest o' the fleet?

ARI. SAFELY IN HARBOUR

Is THE KING'S SHIP, in the DEEP NOOK .

. THERE SHE'S HID,

The mariners all under hatches stow'd;

Whom with a charm, join'd to their suffer'd labours,

I have left asleep. and for the rest o' the fleet,

Which I dispers'd, they all have met again,

And are upon the Mediterranean flote

Bound sadly home for Naples,

SUPPOSING THAT THEY SAW THE KING'S SHIP WRB.L.K'D,
AND HIS GREAT PERSON PERISH "

' It is obvious that we have here a covert allusion to several circumstances minutely described in the papers quoted in the preceding pages, to the circumstance of the Admiral-ship being separated from the rest of Somers's fleet, and after a tremendous tempest, being jammed between two of the Bermuda rocks, and "fast lodged and lock'd," as Jourdan expresses it, "for further budging", to the disaster happening very near the shore, and not a single person having perished, to the mariners having fallen asleep from excessive fatigue, to the dispersion of the other ships, to the greater part of them meeting again, as the Council of the Virginia Company have it, "in consort", and to all those who were thus dispersed and thus met again, being "bound sadly" for Virginia, supposing that the vessel which carried their Governor was lost, and that his "great person had perished" In various other passages in the second Act,—where the preservation of Alonzo and his companions is termed "miraculous", where Stephano asks, "have we DEVILS here?"—where the same person makes a very free use of his bottle, and liberally imparts it to Caliban and Trinculo,*—where it is said, "though this island seem to be DESERT, UNINHABITABLE and almost INACCESSIBLE, it must needs be of subtle, tender, and delicate TEMPERANCE", that "the AIR breathes most SWEETLY," and that "here is everything ADVANTAGEOUS TO LIFE", we find evident allusions to the extraordinary escape of Somers and his associates, and to Jourdan's and Gates's descriptions of Bermuda, as, in the first scene of the play, the circumstance of the sailors and passengers taking leave of each other, and bidding farewell to their wives and children, was manifestly suggested by the earlier of those narratives'

There are several other accounts of the shipwreck of Sir George Somers, and manifold accounts of the early 'plantation' in Virginia, in fact, while investigating the possible sources of *The Tempest*, it seems as though 'Pamphlets,' and 'Narratives,' and 'Reportories' hurtle in the air, and as though the affairs, the misfortunes, and the experiences of the Colonies must have been, in London, the only topic of conversation Malone, as we have seen in the foregoing Essay on the 'Date of Composition,' was convinced that *The Tempest* was written in 1611 Therefore, of all the publications from which Shakespeare may be supposed to have drawn his materials, Malone could use those alone which preceded in date the year 1611 But if we postpone the date of the play to the only year in which we have the only positive evidence that it existed, viz. 1613, a larger and a better account of Sir George Somers comes within our ken, between which and the phrases and allusions in *The Tempest* there are parallelisms quite as many, perhaps, in number, and much closer in character. To me personally there appears but little need of searching for any printed published account from which to argue that Shakespeare drew his materials Surely he needed no printed page, he must have met at 'ordinaries' many a man with personal

* In the original, indeed, strong waters are drunk on shipboard by those who conceived that the ship was sinking, in the play, Stephano's liquor is sack, and it is drunk on the island after his escape But Shakespeare, when he borrowed hints from others, often made such slight changes Here the change is easily accounted for that pleasantry in which he delighted could not with any propriety have been introduced among men who supposed themselves at the point of death

In like manner, in the original, the mariners fall asleep from excessive labour, and the hatches are shut down *during the storm*, but in the play no mention is made of these circumstances in the first scene, where the ship is represented as sinking, but after the storm has ceased, and Alonzo and several of his associates are safely landed, Ariel informs Prospero that the mariners are safely stowed

experiences to unfold, and with such a man Shakespeare would deal pretty much, I imagine, as Goethe, according to Lowell, dealt with scholars 'Did Goethe wish to write up a Greek theme?' says Lowell, 'He drove out Herr Böttiger, for example, among that fodder delicious to him for its very dryness, that sapless Arcadia of scholars, let him graze, ruminate, and go through all other needful processes of the antiquarian organism, then got him quietly into a corner and milked him.' I believe that Shakespeare 'milked' everybody, and we have the cream ymantled product in his plays. Among these publications, however, was one which was too late to suit Malone's theory, but between which and *The Tempest* parallelisms may be detected quite as distinctly as in Jourdan's pamphlet, or in *A true Discovery*. Not that these parallelisms amount to much at best, to me they seem but little more than are to be expected where the same theme is treated by two different persons. To both Halliwell and Hunter the parallelisms which were to Malone so remarkable and so convincing in Jourdan's pamphlet, were either commonplace or non-existent. To Dr Garnett, on the other hand, 'it seems marvellous that any one should disagree with Malone.' The publication, however, to which I allude was written by William Strachey, and, possibly, printed in 1612.

Moreover, in recent times a closer possible connection has been discovered between this Strachey and Shakespeare than was known to Malone. MEISSNER (p. 73) has unearthed the interesting fact, that in 1612 Strachey was not only a near neighbor of Shakespeare, but a writer of poetry. Prefixed to one of Strachey's pamphlets on *The Colony in Virginea Britannia*, dated London, 1612, there is a Sonnet addressed to the 'Councill of Virginea,' followed by a Preface which is signed 'From my lodging in the blacke Friers William Strachey.' To these facts we can apply the universal solvent which subdues everything connected with Shakespeare's biography, and say, *it is not improbable* that Shakespeare and Strachey were intimate friends, and *it is not improbable* that of all men it was Strachey whom, full of adventures, of shipwrecks, of tempests, of travellers' stories, Shakespeare 'got quietly in the corner and milked.'

Whether or not a pamphlet by Strachey dated 1612, whereof Malone gives merely the title (*Var* '21, vol. xv, p. 390), is identical with that printed in Purchas, I do not know, the latter is the only one accessible to me. Under any circumstances, this present discussion would be incomplete without some extracts, at least, from the account of this notable shipwreck, by William Strachey, whose learned representative in this generation has enriched the comments on this play of *The Tempest*, in the foregoing pages.

The account from which the following extracts are taken, is in Purchas, Part IV, lib. ix, ch. 6, and is entitled: '*A true reportory of the wracke, and redemption of Sir THOMAS GATES Knight, vpon, and from the Ilands of the Bermudas his coming to Virginia, and the estate of that Colonie then, and after, vnder the gouernment of the Lord LA WARRE, July 15 1610 written by WILLIAM STRACHY, Esquire*'. The first section tells of *A most dreadfull Tempest (the manifold deaths whereof are here to the life described) their wracke on Bermuda, and the description of those Ilands*. Having started from Plymouth on the 2nd of June, 1609, all went well until 'on S. James his day, July 24. being Monday (preparing for no lesse all the blacke night before) the cloudes gathering thicke vpon vs, and the windes singing, and whistling most vnusually,* a dreadfull storme and hideous began to blow from out the North-east, which swelling, and roaring as it were by fits, some houres with more violence then

* To save space I do not always mark the breaks in these extracts.—Ed.

' others, at length did beate all light from heauen, which like an hell of darknesse
 ' turned blacke vpon vs, so much the more fuller of horror, as in such cases horror and
 ' fear vse to ouerrunne the troubled, and ouermastered senses of all, which (taken vp
 ' with amazement) the eares lay so sensible to the terrible cries, and murmurs of the
 ' windes, and distraction of our Company, as who was most armed, and best prepared
 ' was not a little shaken Sometimes [the storm] strikes in our ship amongst
 ' women, and passengers, not vsed to such hurly and discomforts, made vs looke one
 ' vpon the other with troubled hearts, and panting bosomes our clamours dround in the
 ' windes, and the windes in thunder Prayers might well be in the heart and lips,
 ' but drowned in the outcries of the Officers In which, the Sea swelled aboue
 ' the Clouds, and gaue battell vnto Heauen There was not a moment in which
 ' the sodaine splitting of the shippe was not expected During all this
 ' time, the heauens look'd so black vpon vs, that it was not possible the eleuation of the
 ' Pole might be obserued Onely vpon the thursday night Sir *George Summers*
 ' being vpon the watch, had an apparition of a little round light, like a faint starre,
 ' trembling, and streaming along with a sparkling blaze, halfe the height vpon the
 ' Maine Mast, and shooting sometimes from Shroud to Shroud, tempting to settle as it
 ' were vpon any of the foure Shrouds and for three or foure houres together, or
 ' rather more, halfe the night it kept with vs, running sometimes along the Maine-
 ' yard to the very end, and then returning At which Sir *George Summers* called
 ' diuers about him, and shewed them the same, who obserued it with much wonder
 ' and carefullnesse but vpon a sodaine, towards the morning watch, they lost sight
 ' of it, and knew not what way it made The superstitious Sea-men make many con-
 ' structions of this Sea-fire, which neuertheless is vsual in stormes the same (it may
 ' be) which the *Gracians* were wont to call *Castor and Pollux* The *Italians* call
 ' it (a sacred Body) *Corpo sancto* the *Spaniards* call it *Saint Elmo* . We threw
 ' ouer-boord much luggage and staued many a Butt of Beere, Hogsheads of
 ' Oyle, Syder, Wine and Vinegar It being now the fourth morning, it wanted
 ' little, to haue shut vp hatches, and commending our sinfull soules to God, committed
 ' the Shippe to the mercy of the Sea but see the goodnesse and sweet introduc-
 ' tion of better hope, by our merciful God giuen vnto vs Sir *George Summers*, when
 ' no man dreamed of such happinesse, had discovered, and cried Land Hauing
 ' no hope to saue [the ship] by coming to an anker, we were inforced to runne her
 ' ashoare, as neere the land as we could . . . We found it to be the dangerous and
 ' dreaded Iland or rather Ilands of the *Bermuda* . . . which be so terrible to all that
 ' ever touched on them, and such tempests, thunders and other fearefull obiects are
 ' seene and heard about them, that they be called commonly *The Devils Ilands*, and
 ' are feared and auoyded of all sea trauellers aloue, aboue any other place in the
 ' world It being counted of most, that they can be no habitation for Men, but
 ' rather giuen ouer to Devils and wicked Spirits . There is not through the
 ' whole Ilands, either Champion ground, Valleys, or fresh Riuers. They are full of
 ' Shawes of goodly Cedar . the Berries whereof, our men seething, straining, and
 ' letting stand some three or foure daies, made a kind of pleasant drinke Sure
 ' it is, that there are no Riuers nor running Springs of fresh water to bee found vpon
 ' any of them when we came first we digged and found certaine gushings and soft
 ' bubblings . . . True it is, for Fish in euerie Coue and Creeke wee found Snaules,
 ' and Skulles in abundance . A kinde of webbe-footed Fowle there is, of the
 ' bignesse of an English greene Plouer, or Sea-Meawe, . these gather themselves
 ' together and breed in these Ilands which are high . . there in the ground they

'haue their Burrowes, like Conyes in a Warren, they were a good and well
 'relished Fowle, fat and full as a Partridge There are two or three Ilands full of
 'their Burrowes, which Birds for their blindnesse (for they see weakly in the
 'day) and for their cry and whooting, wee called the *Sea Owle*, they will bite
 'cruelly with their crooked Bills Some dangerous and secret discontents
 'nourished amongst vs, had like to haue bin the parents of bloody issues and mis
 chiefes, what hath a more adamantyne power to draw vnto it the consent and
 'attraction of the idle, vntoward, and wretched number of the many, then liberty,
 'and fulnesse of sensuality'

In the foregoing extracts I have given all the passages from Strachey's *Reportory* which have seemed to me to contain any allusions or phraseology which can be paralleled in *The Tempest*, and, if the date of that play's composition be 1613, which, as we have seen, is our only assured date, it is possible that they all antedated it

In his *Farther Particulars*, 1839, COLLIER brings forward a Ballad which at one time he believed to be the long sought source of *The Tempest*, but afterwards, as he says (p 54), he became 'satisfied that it is a later production, and that the writer was 'acquainted with *The Tempest*, though he does not employ a single name found in it 'My conjecture is that it was published (if published at all, of which we have no 'evidence but probability) during the period when the theatres were closed (viz from 'about 1642 to 1660), in order, by putting the discontinued dramas into easy rhyme, 'to give the public some species of amusement founded on old plays, although the 'severity of the Puritans in those times would not allow of theatrical entertainments. 'Hence Jordan's ballads, derived from *The Mer of Ven* &c [I have gone over this 'ballad with the Rev. Mr Dyce and he] concurs with me in thinking that it is poste
 'rior to Shakespeare's *Tempest*. There are such strong general resemblances
 'that I feel assured that the writer of the ballad must have known, if he did not in
 'part use, the play The initials at the end of the MS led me, when I first saw it, to
 'conjecture that Robert Greene, who died in 1592, might be the author of it, but it
 'is decidedly of too modern a cast and structure for him, and, as I before observed,
 'my conjecture is that it was written about the period of the Protectorate It is
 'inserted in the MS volume I have had for years in my possession, the particular con-
 'tents of which may be seen in my letter to the Rev A Dyce Mr Douce called
 'it "one of the most beautiful ballads he had ever read" It runs thus

THE INCHANTED ISLAND

'In Aragon there livde a king,
 Who had a daughter sweete as Spring,
 A little playfull childe
 He lovde his studie and his booke,
 The toyles of state he could not brooke,
 Of temper still and milde

He left them to his Brother's care,
 Who soone usurpde the throne unware,
 And turned his Brother forth
 The studious king Geraldo hight
 His daughter Ida, deare as sight
 To him who knew her worth

The Brother who usurpd the throne
 Was by the name Benormo knowne,
 Of cruell hart and bolde
 He turned his niece and Brother forth
 To wander east, west, north, or south,*
 All in the winter colde

Long time he journeyd up and downe
 The head all bare that wore a crowne,
 And Ida in his hand,
 Till that they reachd the broad sea side,
 Where marchant ships at anchor ride
 From many a distant land

Imbarking, then, in one of these,
 They were, by force of windes and seas
 Driven wide for many a mile,
 Till at the last they shelter found,
 The master and his men all drown'd,
 In the enchanted Isle

Geraldo and his daughter faire,
 The onehe two that landed there,
 Were savde by myracle,
 And, sooth to say, in dangerous houre
 He had some more then human powre,
 As seemeth by what befell

He brought with him a magicke booke
 Whereon his eye did oft times looke,
 That wrought him wonders great
 A magicke staffe he had alsoe,
 That angrie fiendes compell'd to goe
 To doe his bidding straight

The spirites of the earth and aire,
 Unseene, yet fleeting every where,
 To crosse him could not chuse.
 All this by studie he had gaine'd
 While he in Arragon remaund,
 But never thought to use

When landed on thinchanted Isle
 His litle Ida's morning smile
 Made him forgett his woe:
 And thus within a caverne dreare
 They lvyd for many a yeare ifere,
 For heaven had wil'd it soe

* For the ryme we should read 'south or north' and for the sense 'it answers equally well' The transcriber was not a very accurate penman

His blacke lockes turnd all silver gray
 But ever time he wore away,
 To teach his childe intent,
 And as she into beautie grewe,
 In knowledge she advanced to[o],
 As wise as innocent

Most lovelie was she to beholde,
 Her haire was like to sunn lutt golde,
 As blue as heaven her eye
 When she was in her fifteenth yeere
 Her daintie forme was like the deere,
 Sportfull with majestie

The Demons who the land had held,
 By might of magicke he expell'd,
 Save such as he did neede,
 And servaunts of the ayre he kept,
 To watch ore Ida, when she slept,
 And on swift message speede

And all this while in Arragon
 Benormo raignde, who had a son
 Now growne to man's estate
 His sire in all things most unlike,
 Of courage tried, yet slow to strike,
 Not turning love to hate

Alfonso was the Princes name
 It chanced posthaste a message came
 Just then to Aragon,
 From Sicilie to son and sire,
 Which did their presence soone desire
 To see Sicilia's son

Fast tyed in the nuptiall band
 To Naples daughters lovelie hand,
 And they to goe consent
 Soe in a galley on a day
 To Sicilie they tooke their way,
 Thuther to saile intent

Geraldo by his magicke art
 Knew even the houre of their depart
 For distant Sicilie,
 He knew alsoe that they must passe
 Neare to the isle whereon he was,
 And that revenge was nie

He calde his spirites of the aire,
 Commanding them a storme prepare
 To cast them on that shore
 The gallant barke came sailing on
 With silken sailes from Arragon,
 And manie a guilded ore

But gilded ore and silken saile
 Might not against the storme prevaile:
 The windes blew hie and loude.
 The sailes were rent, the ores were broken
 The ship was split by lightning stroke
 That burst from angrie cloude

But such Geraldoe's powre that day,
 That though the ship was cast away,
 Of all the crue not one
 Not even the shipboy, then was drownd,
 And olde Benormo on drie ground
 Imbracde his dearest son

About the isle they wanderd long,
 For still some spirite led them wrong,
 Till they were wearie growne,
 Then came to olde Geraldoes cell,
 Where he and lovelie Ida dwell
 Though seene they were not knowne.

Much marvelld they in such a place
 To see an Eremit's wringled face,
 More at the maid they start
 As soone as did Alfonso see
 Ida so beautifull, but hee
 Felt love within his hart

Benormo heard with grieve and shame
 Geraldo call him by his name,
 His brothers voyce well knowne.
 Upon his aged knees he fell,
 And wept that he did ere rebell
 Against his brother's throne.

Brother, he cried, forgive my crime!
 I sweare, since that u[n]happie time,
 I have not tasted peace.
 Returne and take againe your crowne
 Which at your feete I will lay downe,
 And soe our jarres surcease.

Never, Giraldo said, will I
 Ascend that seat of sovereignty,
 But I all wrongs forgett
 I have a daughter, you a son
 And they shall iaigne ore Aragon,
 And on my throne be sett

My head is all too olde to beare
 The weight of crownes, and kingdomes care;
 Peace in my bookes I finde
 Gold crownes become not silver lockes,
 Like sunbeames upon whitend rockes,
 They mocke the tranquill minde

Benormo, worne with cares of state,
 Which wordlie sorrowes aye create,
 Sawe the advice was good
 The tide of love betwixt the paire,
 Alfonso young and Ida faire,
 Had suddaine reacht the flood

A galley, too, that was sent out
 From Sicilie, in feare and doubt,
 As having heard the wracke,
 Arrivde at the enchanted Isle,
 And tooke them all in litle while
 Unto Messina backe

But ere his leave Geraldo tooke
 Of the strange isle, he burnt his booke,
 And broke his magicke wand
 His arte forbid he aye forswore,
 Never to deale in magicke more
 The while the earth should stand

From that daie forth the Isle has beene
 By wandering sailors never seene
 Some say 'tis buryed deepe
 Beneath the sea, which breakes and rores
 Above its savage rockie shores,
 Nor ere is knowne to sleepe.

In Sicilie the paire was wed,
 To Arragon there after sped,
 With fathers who them blessd.
 Alfonso rulde for many a yeare
 His people lovde him farre and neare,
 But Ida lovde him best

Collier hereupon again discusses at some length the arguments for and against the antiquity of the *Ballad*, and speculates on its origin, but as it is acknowledged by him, and now believed by all, to be later than *The Tempest*, it is not worth while to quote him further

HUNTER (*Disquisition*, &c) cannot agree with Malone and others in the belief that Shakespeare's *tempest* was a reminiscence of the accounts of Somers's shipwreck, or that there was any great similarity between them 'I now ask,' he says (p 34), 'any one to look at the laboured argument of the two commentators [Chalmers and Malone], and to compare the passages from Jourdan's work, which they place in apposition with passages in the first scene of this play, and then to say whether there is anything beyond that similarity which must always exist when the subject is a storm at sea and the wreck of a vessel on the rocky shore of an island, whether the subject be treated in a work of imagination, like *The Tempest*, or in such a pedestrian narrative of real occurrences as that of Jourdan Mr Malone has given the argument all the advantage it could derive from the artful aid of capitals and italics, but he seems to me to fail in showing coincidence in anything, except what has been common to all storms and all disastrous shipwrecks from the beginning of the world For a critical or unusual circumstance, common to both, we look in vain, nor is a verbal conformity, which might betray that the Poet had recently read the narrative of Jourdan, anywhere to be found No parallelism of numerous particulars, each of common occurrence The parallelism on which much reliance is placed, of the safety, at last, of the Admiral, and the safety also of Alonso, fails in this, that the escape of Alonso was a necessary part of the story I would deal fairly with commentators from whose labours I have received so much pleasure and instruction, and quote, if I saw anything that could be quoted with effect But I find no such passage—Besides, there is in the literature of the age of Shakespeare a description of *another storm* at sea, in which a vessel, having a king and prince on board, is wrecked, by a writer whose work was more likely to catch the attention of Shakespeare, and to fasten on his imagination, than Jourdan's This description is by the pen of no less celebrated a poet than Ariosto, who of all the Italian poets was best known in England in the age of Elizabeth, and who had, of all the Italian poets, the greatest influence on our literature The *Orlando*, translated by Harrington, was published in 1591 Shall we then wonder if we find Shakespeare a reader of Ariosto, and indebted to him occasionally for an incident or an expression? . *The Tempest* itself contains the most manifest evidence that he read a translation of the Latin of Ovid and of the French of Montaigne I shall show you that it contains proof that he read this translation of Ariosto Whether he were necessitated to do so, or whether he did it from choice, is a question which it seems not to have entered the mind of the Master of Emmanuel [Dr Farmer], to think it necessary to ask.

"[P. 38] The storm described by Ariosto is the principal incident of the forty-first canto of the *Orlando* Shakespeare's obligations to it have never before been suggested Of course, there must be in Ariosto, as there are also in Shakespeare, incidents and circumstances which are common to all storms But what I contend for is this—that beside those incidents and circumstances, there are some which are sufficiently critical and peculiar, to lead to the inference that there was *suggestion* on the part of the earlier poet, and *imitation* (a just and proper imitation) on the part of Shakespeare Harrington's translation is not a very common book, so that the whole passage may bear transcription

" A friendly gale at first their journey fitted,
And bore them from the shore full far away ,
But afterward, within a little season,
The wind discover'd his deceit and treason.

9

" First from the poop it changed to the side,
Then to the prore at last it turned round ,
In one place long it never would abide,
Which doth the pilot's wit and skill confound
The surging waves swell still in higher pride,
While Proteus' flock did more and more abound,
And seem to him as many deaths to threaten
As that ships sides with divers waves are beaten

10

" Now in their face the wind, straight in their back,
And forward this, and backward that it blows ,
Then on the side it makes the ship to crack .
Among the mariners confusion grows
The master run doubts and present wrack,
For none his will, nor none his meaning knows .
To whistle, beckon, cry, it naught avails,
Sometime to strike, sometime to turn their sails

11

" But none there was could hear, nor see, nor mark.
Their ears so stopt, so dazzled were their eyes,
With weather so tempestuous and dark,
And black thick clouds that with the storm did rise,
From whence sometimes great ghastly flames did spark
And thunder-claps that seem'd to rend the skies,
Which made them in a manner deaf and blind,
That no man understood the master's mind

12

" Nor less, nor much less fearful, is the sound
The cruel tempest in the tackle makes ,
Yet each one for himself some business found.
And to some special office him betakes
One this untied, another that hath bound ,
He the main bowling now restrains, now slacks,
Some take an oar, some at the pump take pain,
And pour the sea into the sea again

13

" Behold, a horrible and hideous blast
That Boreas from his frozen lips doth send,
Doth backward force the sail against the mast,
And makes the waves unto the skies ascend,

Then brake their oars, and rudder eke, at **last**
 Now nothing left from tempest to defend,
 So that the ship was sway'd now quite **aside**,
 And to the waves laid ope her naked side

14

Then all aside the staggering ship did reel,
 For one side quite beneath the water lay,
 And on the t'other side the very keel
 Above the water clear discern you may
 Then thought they all hope past, and down **they kneel**,
 And unto God to take their souls did pray
 Worse danger grew than this when this was past,
 By means the ship gan after leak so fast

15

"The wind, the waves, to them no respite gave,
 But ready every hour to overthrow them
 Oft they were hoist so high upon the wave,
 They thought the middle region was below them.
 Ofttimes so slow the same their vessel drave,
 As though that Charon there his boat would shew **them**;
 Scant had they time and power to fetch their breath,
 All things did threaten them so present death

16

"Thus all that night they could have no release,
 But when the morning somewhat nearer drew,
 And that by course the furious wind should cease
 (A strange mishap), the wind then fiercer grew,
 And while their troubles more and more increase,
 Behold a rock stood plainly in their view,
 And right upon the same the spiteful blast
 Bare them perforce, which made them all **aghast**.

17

"Then did the master by all means essay
 To steer out roomer, or to keep aloof,
 Or, at the least, to strike sails if they may,
 As in such danger was for their behoof
 But now the wind did bear so great a sway,
 His enterprises had but little proof,
 At last, with striving, yard and all was torn,
 And part thereof into the sea was borne.

18

"Then each man saw all hope of safety past,
 No means there was the vessel to direct:
 No help there was but all away are cast,
 Wherefore their common safety they neglect;

But out they get the ship boat, and in haste
 Each man therein his life strives to protect,
 Of king nor prince no man takes heed nor note,
 But well was he could get him in the boat "

[Hereupon Hunter prints the First Scene of *The Tempest* and then resumes]
 ' Now, besides whatever of general resemblance there may be, there are the following
 ' minute and critical circumstances common to both We have the master and the
 ' master's whistle in both I do not say that to introduce the whistle might not occur
 ' to both poets, but I think it improbable when both were seeking to fix the interest
 ' on a king and a prince in peril of drowning We have the leaking of the ship in
 ' both, the striking of the sails in both, the falling to prayer in both, and, what is
 ' more remarkable, the contempt of rank and royalty in both I do not say that all
 ' this may not be accidental, but I think it improbable that it should be so' [Hunter
 enlarges upon these coincidences, and refers to others; among them he compares the
 ' great ghastly flames' in Ariosto with Ariel's ' flaming amazement,' &c Of verbal
 coincidences he finds but few, and although he says but little of them, I think his best
 friends would wish that he had said less For instance, Miranda begs her father to
 ' *allay the waters* '; the hermit who meets Rogero when he reaches the shore could
 ' *allay the waves* '; the cry of the perishing souls affected Miranda, in Ariosto 'twas
 ' lamentable to hear the *cries*,' &c, &c In reference to the line in Shakespeare
 ' Blow till thou burst thy wind, if room enough,' Hunter asks if it be not possible
 that this line as ' originally written by Shakespeare may have approached nearer than
 ' it does at present to a line in Ariosto' in the 17th stanza ' To steer out roomer, or
 ' to keep aloof ' ' The precise meaning of *roomer*,' continues Hunter, ' I do not pro-
 fess to know, and I have consulted persons acquainted with the language of sailors
 ' in vain Possibly,—it is a mere conjecture,—the original editors of this wholly post-
 ' humous play found the word as unintelligible as it appears to us, and gave us the
 ' present reading, still keeping near in sound to what was written and spoken ' I
 regret that this emendation was overlooked in its proper place in the text I am con-
 soled, however, by finding that in the oversight I have the comforting company of
 the Cambridge Editors On the very threshold of the play we find that Hunter is
 urgent in his claim for Lampedusa as the unhabited isle. This claim is now
 strengthened by finding that one of Ariosto's two islands is called *Lipadusa* Hunter
 thus concludes, p 50] ' Whether the evidence I have produced, each portion of
 ' which I admit not to be very strong, but which, in the sum, I apprehend to be all-
 ' powerful, is sufficient to prove to you that Shakespeare was indebted (as far as he
 ' was indebted to any one) to Ariosto for the storm scene with which the play opens,
 ' and from which it derives its name, you will admit that there is *much more* resem-
 ' blance between the storm of Ariosto and the storm of Shakespeare than there is
 ' between Shakespeare's storm and that which is described in the narrative of Jour-
 ' dan . . . Am I claiming too much . . . if I say that the Bermudean theory of the
 ' origin of this play is lost for ever ?'

Such theories, as this of the excellent Hunter, put forth with so much assurance,
 leave on my mind only a painful impression Shakespeare is wounded in the house
 of his friends He is dealt with as though he were a poet of inferior ability, leading
 a parasitic life upon his superiors of every land and of every tongue. Ariosto can
 be original, Shakespeare cannot Ariosto can imagine the horror of a tempest, a
 power beyond Shakespeare, it seems, who for his description must go to Ariosto

The very defects which Hunter finds in Malone's parallelisms seem to be present in his own. The circumstances common to both Ariosto and Shakespeare are merely those which are quite within the range of any landsman's imagination. While Ariosto's description is wire-drawn, and, if not tedious, far from horrifying, Shakespeare's scene is full of uproar, dismay, horror, and despair. Of that which in Shakespeare's shipwreck differentiates it from every other like dramatic description that ever was written, there is in Ariosto never a hint. Shakespeare's seamanship is flawless, he handles his vessel with consummate skill, every phrase bespeaks the mariner. Is there a spark of likelihood that a man who had so mastered the subject, either by experience amid such very scenes or by conference with seamen who had lived through them, would go for a few trumpery phrases or ideas to a distant landlocked poet? The wind that whistles through Shakespeare's cordage is to be found, I fear, only in the words of Ariosto's description.

After all, Hunter has a convert, Meissner, who, granting to Shakespeare no vestige of originality in details, adopts all the borrowings from the *Orlando* which Hunter detects, and even adds to the number. Meissner, in fact—why should we not acknowledge it at once?—has discovered Shakespeare's workshop, and found in it the most remarkable 'lay out' of counterfeiting appliances and burglars' tools that the world has yet seen, or that literary 'cracksmen' ever knew.

In 1811, TIECK, in his *Alt-Englisches Theater* (p. xii), speaks of JACOB AYRER as the earliest writer in Germany to make any real advance in dramatic composition. It is doubtful, however, whether this advance was due to Ayrer's mother-wit or to the fact that his plays appear to be merely imitations or reproductions of English dramas. In almost all of his comedies he introduces a Fool named 'Jahn,' whom he sometimes expressly calls the 'English Fool,' and who in his actions resembles the Clown of our old plays. 'We find,' says Tieck, 'in Ayrer's *Opus Theatricum* an adaptation 'of *Hieronimo*, or *The Spanish Tragedy*, and it is not improbable that there is also 'therein many an old English play, now lost.' Perhaps it is worth while here to note that Tieck in the next sentence calls attention to the curious problem, scarcely solved even to this hour, afforded by the presence in Germany at the beginning of the seventeenth century of a company of strolling actors, calling themselves 'English Comedians,' who performed plays at first, strangely enough, in their own language, which were founded on the English drama of that day, and of whose influence traces may yet be found in Germany in the puppet-shows still popular among the common people. This early allusion by Tieck to the 'English Comedians' seems to have eluded even the lynx-eyed Germans, who attribute it to Tieck's *Deutsches Theater* in 1817. The interesting subject of these strolling English Actors only indirectly concerns us here. We may be permitted to surmise that it was from them that Jacob Ayrer drew the materials for many of his plays.

It behooves us to learn somewhat of this Jacob Ayrer. There are not lacking enthusiastic students who assert that the connection is of the closest between his *Opus Theatricum* and Shakespeare.

In the interval between his *Alt-Englisches Theater* in 1811 and his *Deutsches Theater* in 1817, Tieck had recognised more old English plays than only *Hieronimo* among Ayrer's works, but he knew very little more of Ayrer's life, nothing scarcely but what can be learned from the title-page of the *Opus Theatricum*, viz. that he was no longer living when that folio was published in 1618, and that he had been a Proctor and Notary in Nürnberg. From internal evidence in one of Ayrer's plays

Tieck inferred that he had died in 1610. Later research has been more successful, and from COHN'S *Shakespeare in Germany*, an invaluable book on this subject, we learn (p. 111) that Jacob Ayer died in Nürnberg in March, 1605, and that he rose to official station from what are supposed to have been extremely humble circumstances. The year of his death is alone of importance to us in the present investigation.

In 1817, Tieck had detected in the *Opus Theatricum* analogues of two of Shakespeare's plays: *The lovely Phœnicia*, an analogue of *Much Ado*, and *The fair Sidea*, an analogue of *The Tempest*. Of the latter he remarks (p. 111) 'The drama of *The fair Sidea* bears distinctly the stamp of an imitation of the English, albeit 'we have as yet found no piece which the German dramatist could have had at hand. 'The relationship of the prince to the magician, his subjection to the latter, and still 'more emphatically his task of bearing logs, recall Shakespeare's *Tempest*, for which 'wonderful drama English critics have not as yet been able to find an origin, it is to 'me more than likely that for this work Shakespeare drew the idea from the same 'ancient piece which Ayer has here imitated. The scene and the names the latter 'seems to have changed intentionally, just as he has thrust in the comic episode without any reference to the rest of the piece, quite after the style of the oldest English 'stage.'

The claims which are at the present day put forward for this *Fair Sidea* by German critics are so emphatic—almost, it might be said, so extravagant—that it is worth while to examine the whole play. It is admirably translated in Cohn's volume, the antiquated German being rendered with rare felicity, the translation is all the more remarkable when we consider that it is translated into rhyme, line for line. Merely to save space I have here translated it into prose. I wish to express my thanks for the aid which, in obscure passages, I have derived from Cohn's translation and also from the notes in TITTMANN'S reprint.

Long and tedious as is this old Comedy, I have deemed it best to translate the whole of it. I have not dared to omit a single passage, lest German critics, who have displayed such remarkable ingenuity in detecting 'parallelisms' and 'resemblances,' should find in the omitted words the one proof of all others that Shakespeare plagiarised from Ayer. Moreover, it is only by reading the whole play, and not a mere synopsis, that English students can arrive at an intelligent conclusion concerning the claims that are so stoutly urged in its behalf.

The title-page of the unwieldy folio now before me is noteworthy for the statement which it makes in regard to the share which Ayer had in the composition of these plays—a statement which does not seem to have received, in the discussion of this subject, its due weight. The title runs thus: OPUS | THEATRICUM | *Thirty | Inimitable | beautiful Comedies | and Tragedies of all kinds of Men | orable ancient Roman Histories and other Political | stories and poems, Also six and thirty other | beautiful, merry and entertaining Shrovetide plays | or Farces, | By the late honorable and learned Mr Jacobus | Ayer, Notarius Publicus and Procurator to the Court in Nürnberg, Gathered | from manifold old poets and writers, with especial assiduity, for his own pastime and amusement, | and composed in German rhymes for the Stage, so that everything can be personally | represented. Also a Table of Contents | Printed at Nürnberg by Balthasar Scherffen. Anno MDCXVIII.*

In the *Opus Theatricum*, *The fair Sidea* begins on the second column of p. 433, *recto*, and ends on p. 442, *verso*. As in the First Folio the *Dramatis Personæ* are at the end of the play, which thus begins 'COMEDY OF THE FAIR SIDEA, WHAT REFELL HER TIL HER MARRIAGE. EMPLOYING 16 PERSONS, AND IN 5 ACTS.'

Ruprecht, the Postman, *enters, carrying a letter in a cleft stick, and says* [' *his*
'and says' or 'says' or merely S, is repeated before every speech] Be silent and just
listen to me, I am carrying a challenge from Leudegast, the mighty prince, who intends
to overrun the valiant Ludolf with a great army and see if he will defend his arrogance,
and will not stop until he has expelled him because there is no trusting in time of peace
one who disregards all agreements or treaties If you do not want to come to grief I'd
advise you all to look well after your property They are already descending the hill
and I must hurry off to deliver this letter *Exit*

Enter Rollus the Peasant, wringing his hands, and says Ay but the thief cribbed
too much I've just been kneading the flour, and there are two loaves short I
haven't had so little to bake for ever so long If I only catch that thief my fists
shall make the flour run out of his neck

Enter John Molitor, dressed like a miller, and says Tell me, Rolly, who is that
man riding off there so fast? and why is he carrying a letter in a cleft stick?

Rollus Thou thief! may a catarrh catch thee! What's that horseman to me?
Just tell me why thou stolest my flour?

John Molitor I swear I didn't

Rollus Then your wife did, the jade

John (very earnestly) Why certainly, I took only my toll out of the grain in your
sack I didn't take an atom of your flour

Rollus That's easy enough seen The more grain you steal, the less flour I get
—as I know this day to my sorrow There ought to have been twelve loaves, and I
had flour enough for only ten

John M If you'll make your loaves smaller you can bake eighteen

Rollus Do you mean to come here and teach me how to bake bread, and make
fun of me into the bargain? You downright rascally thief, you! Cheating every-
body

John M Upon my soul, that's a lie I'm not in the mill all the time How
then can I keep taking toll? My men are downright pious and never wrong a
peasant, especially if they're tipp'd a bit I'm not going to listen to you any more,
the thing might go too far [A drum is heard]

Rollus Hark! hark! There are strange folks here I'll go and look after my
things, so that no damage happens to me [Exeunt]

Enter Ludolf with his daughter Sidea, in heathen garb, and two attendants
Sits herself, and says angrily Sidea darling, daughter mine, we ought to receive
some message by this time from the prince in Littau, whose ambassador we slew He
is highly displeasing to us, and our heart is full of rage Just as soon as we are ready
for war we will powerfully attack him, and drive him from his people and his home

Sidea My father, my mind presages nothing good. We must be circumspect
No foe is to be trusted Besides, our foe is strong withal, and very cunning and
desperate He may offer resistance, and misfortune befall us, and eternal blame be
ours for the presumption we have hitherto shown Let your heart I pray accept
counsel from your wise counsellors, who know about such things better than I a sim-
ple young girl

Ludolf Ho, guard, look out the gate If there are any people outside who
wish to see us, admit them [A guard opens the gate *Enter Ruprecht the Postman*
with a letter in a cleft stick, and making an obeisance to the prince, says] My noble

Prince, I am a messenger exempt from every need and danger, nevertheless I beg for grace Duke Leudegast, in anger, has sent me hither with this challenge, his sentiments you will find therein [*Prince Ludolf takes the letter angrily from the cleft stick and reads it, and says in anger*] Thy prince is mighty kind to us! Say to him that if he is of heroic courage and wants to know us better, let him do what he likes We will await him here, and so cudgel his hide that he'll relinquish all his presumption And as for you, you may clear out or we'll make you stump it [*Exit Ruprecht bowing*] We must now look about us and order a powerful army to cool the arrogance of this prince

Sidea [*sadly*] Ye gods, have pity! This is all on account of poor me Dear father mine, forego it

Ludolf Just hold your jaw It's got to be [*Exeunt omnes*]

Enter Leudegast, Prince of Wiltan with his two counsellors, Franciscus and Elemaus, all in armor, and says Since the quarrelsome Duke Leupolt has brought on war and obliged us to enter his territory, let us therefore take heart, and gain wealth and glory No peace will we ever make with him again as long as either of us live We are resolved that this enmity shall not cease until one or the other is driven from throne and realm

Franciscus This is why we are armed, and are resolved to stake life and limb and do whatever is necessary

Elemaus Ay, life and limb and wealth, and everything in our power will we devote to the conquest of the proud prince in Luttan

Franciscus If you will just look, there's a cloud of dust in the field yonder That is the foe, I think Therefore look out, there are going to be blows

Leudegast Aye, we see the banners wave Be bold and ready! A battle is at hand! The enemy is attacking us in the rear! Be on your guard! Advance! advance! advance!

Duke Ludolf's men rush in The battle rages long Ludolf's people are all slain.

Leudolf falls on his knees, and says Alas, misfortune is on my side I cannot fight an army all alone I therefore beg for grace and clemency

Duke Leudegast Misfortune is your fault alone. And I should have good reason and right in slaying you at once by a cruel, bad death But I shall drive you, a disgrace and a scoff, from your country But swear by mouth and hand, that you will leave this country and never come back But whatsoever you and your daughter can carry away without the help of cart or wagon, you may keep If you do this you must swear to me

Ludolf [*plaintively*] Alas, I trusted too much in myself Too securely built upon my power And so the pit which I dug for others I have fallen into myself

[*He takes the oath and exits sadly*]

Leudegast Enter ye dear Warriors and let us take the city We have won wealth and fame, destroyed the prince's arrogance We thank you greatly that you ventured life and limb. And now we'll distribute among you all the plunder in the city. [*Exeunt.*]

Enter Leudolf with Sidea, he carries a white silver staff in his hand, and says. Alas, how unutterably bitter to me are scoff and scorn My heart is ready to break, because I cannot take revenge I have lost my Principedom, my Kingdom, my wealth, honor, and glory And although I have no longer any land, I will not cease to use

every wile and guile until fortune once more beams upon me and I can be averged upon my foe

Sidea This whole week, sire, I have had a great pain in my heart Not for a single hour could I be joyous My heart foreboded, alas, all the scoff and scorn of this sorrow. 'Twas no wonder that my heart burst into a thousand pieces Of yore I lived in princely rank—now I have neither land nor people Of yore I was addressed as Princely lady—now I am a beggar girl Of yore my welfare was unbounded—it needs be that I must now eat grass Of yore had I many a sutor—now I shall have to die single, and know not how the end may be

Ludolf [*enraged, shaking his staff*] Hold your jaw, or may Jupiter blast you! Have patience with me a minute, while I summon my Spirit to tell me just what is to happen to us here on earth until we die

[*With his staff he draws a circle with certain characters in it*

Sidea Alas, if you are going to raise the Spirit, let me go away He is too fearful to me

Ludolf Be silent, he is harmless [*He opens the circle and knocks on the opening with his little staff, thereupon the Devil leaps from it, spits out fire, walking around in the circle, and says angrily*] *Ludolf*, you're a bad man Owing to you, I can get no rest anywhere The minute anything occurs to you, you think I must be with you instantly Now I'd have you know that I have more conjurers than you, and can't hop up to you instantly, however cross you may be about it So tell me at once what you want of me

Ludolf You rascal, if you are going to be so proud release me from my oath or else answer my questions at once

Runcifal, the Devil Tell me what you want If you don't I'll go back to where I came from You heard me say that I had to go on further

Ludolf Then tell me in one word, whether I can revenge myself on my foe

Runcifal I can promise you in truth, that —Before long it will happen that you can capture the son of your foe, and he will long be your servant, and after submitting to misery for a long time, he will be entirely freed from your service, will then return again to his father's house, thenas you will be restored to honor, and fortune will return to you More I cannot tell you

[*Exit*

Ludolf If you hear any huntsmen in this wood let me know at once, and I will take the best of care to catch something myself If I only could catch that young prince,—if I only could revenge myself on him, he'd have to remain my slave, I promise you; on him I'll wreak all the evil his father did to us Let us now enter this hut, because just at present we have nothing better.

[*Exeunt.*

ACTUS PRIMUS *

Enter John Molitor, *very dusty with flour, and says, laughing* • A mill that has water enough to drive only three wheels can't help being useful, and give subsistence to a lazy miller as well as to his wife and child and all his people There is no trade on this earth in which the practice of evil deserves the hangman. Because millers are fond of toll and empty the peasants' sacks a little too far, they must be thieves, which doesn't sound well After all 'tis done only for the sake of money And if men had no desires the world wouldn't last And so one man becomes a prosecutor another a knacker, a third, an official or a beadle, a fourth, a peasant in his smock; a fifth, a rascal and traitor; a sixth, a murderer; a seventh, a usurer, an eighth has

* Actus Primus, Secundus, &c are always put at the end of the Act.

joyous spirits, a ninth cleans out offices, the tenth devises evil deeds, the eleventh levies on goods, the twelfth is his apprentice And so on through all classes there's much that can be blamed, and however much it may be condemned yet men soon fall into the way of doing that which alone yields joy and pleasure I'd never have been a miller if I hadn't known so well what great profit there is in the miller's trade Every year I fatten a few hogs, the butchers when they buy them never ask how I got them A fatted ox I have in there, and I shall butcher it at home I make cheese and try out lard, and besides I have ready cash But what brings me great discomfort is, that I lost my wife this year Otherwise, I'd rather be a miller than the best Doctor in town

Enter Rollus, the Peasant, with Ela his daughter, who carries a baby in swaddling clothes, and says See there, El, there stands the beast We'll bring your child home to him, and tell him he must support you If he don't I'll sue him

Ela O let us only just get at him [*They approach John Molitor*

Rollus Holla, miller, we've come at the right time You've harmed my daughter for me Along of you she has to carry that child You've got to tell her quickly whether you'll make an honest woman of her

John Molitor (scratching his head) You're talking about very strange matters I must make an honest woman of your daughter?—that's a trade I never learned I'm rather short of honesty myself If your daughter is well, let her stay so, I'm not the father of the child

Rollus Yes, you rascal, you are I'll take my oath on it

John Molitor (laughing and pointing at the peasant) Just look at that slanderous old man. He takes his oath for his daughter, and believes all that she imposes on him.

Ela. Ay, but it's the truth, nevertheless, for all your denials You are the child's father Just look what a pretty little son

John Molitor If it's pretty it ought to have been a little girl, so that it could take after its mother Give me a chance to think the matter over to day, and then I'll tell you my intentions

Rollus Very well, we're agreed. [*They go a little aside, whisper together, John laughs, then enters Dietrich with Agnes his daughter, who also carries a baby Dietrich goes up to John, and says angrily*] Do I find you here, you honest man!

John (frightened, and scratching his head) Ay, what have I done to you, pray?

Dietrich You've disgraced my daughter for me Here, we've brought the child to you. This will make you bring it up. And, moreover, you've got to go to church and take my daughter in marriage

John Molitor I acknowledge no child of your daughter's I never touched her.

Dietrich. Let's go to Court Then, you'll see what you get At the very least, you'll go to prison, and have to maintain my daughter after all I'll be a good father-in-law to you, and give you besides a hundred guldens

John Molitor A hundred guldens, and mend my shoes gratis into the bargain? I need a wife I can do nothing with my servants but quarrel and scold But excuse me while I go into my house for a while, I must think the matter over. [*Retires to where Rollus is standing with his daughter*] Hark ye, what will you give me to boot, if I marry your daughter?

Rollus. If you'll marry my daughter I'll give you, with her, a hundred guldens

John (pointing to the Shoemaker). Why, he has offered me a hundred Thalers,

and promises, besides, to mend all my old shoes for nothing And his daughter is prettier than this girl

Rollus If you will go to Church with her I'll pay you a hundred and fifty dollars down, and in addition cart away all your compost

John (chuckling) After all, that's pretty good Pardon me, I must ask a question I'll soon give you a fair answer [*Laughs*] If they won't bid any higher there'll be no sale [*Going up to the Shoemaker*] Hark ye, Master Dietrich, upon my word your daughter is not for me You offer too small a dower Rollus has just offered me two hundred Thalers, I'd have you know, and besides agrees to cart away all my compost as long as he and I live

Dietrich (astomshed) I'll give you two hundred guildens I thought I had offered enough

John Just wait a minute, while I go and refuse Rollus

[*The Shoemaker and his daughter lay their heads together*]

John (going up to Rollus) In a word, I must tell you that he is willing to give two hundred Thalers and mend my shoes as long as we live Now his daughter is a Burgher's child, and better born than a Peasant's child Therefore, I'll take her

Rollus Dear me, I should be downright ashamed of myself if I were not as good as he He may promise well, but I don't know how he will ever pay Never mind, I'll give you two hundred Thalers as just proposed

John Two hundred Thalers is a good deal of money I must reflect which would be most useful to me [*He goes aside, but before turning to the Shoemaker, says*] I don't like either of the jades, so I'll start a brawl, and while the two are beating each other I'll steal away [*Approaches Dietrich*] Why should I take your daughter Rollus says positively that she is only your bastard, and that you yourself were born out of wedlock

Dietrich (angrily) The scoundrel shall take his oath on that, if he is going to say such things of us It will cost him life and limb I'll beat him sky-blue

John Just wait, I'll ask him first [*Goes up to Rollus*] Rollus, I don't want your daughter Go hear what Dietrich says of you, that you are thought to be a rogue, that your father was hanged and your brother executed

Rollus (running to the Shoemaker). You lie like a rogue and a rascal Silence, I'll teach you to lie

Dietrich Come on, you'll meet your match

[*They fight John laughs, claps his hands, and runs off Exeunt fighting.*]

Enter Leudegast, Prince of Willau with Franciscus and Elemaus, his two counsellors, and Engelbrecht, his son, all, except the Prince, in the habit of huntsmen

Leudegast As you wish to go hunting to-day, let me say to you earnestly, that you must look after each other You know that our foe is always on the watch, and should he find you defenceless in the forest, or should he overcome you in fight he will do you a great injury Therefore be discreet, and keep all together

Engelbrecht We will not separate But should one of us get lost he can be easily brought back from his wandering by the sound of the horns

Franciscus I set little value on Ludolf's power He has no longer any people or country to make us heed him Moreover, who knows where he is sneaking around, having crept, through fear of us, into some bat's corner You may be sure he is not in the forest.

Elemaus He'll never more show himself to us We needn't worry on his account

Leudegast Well, then, depart in peace The stag is growing fat, see that you stop the process [Exeunt

Enter Ludolff with Sida, each with a white staff, and says Last night my spirit disclosed to me that the Duke's son, Engelbrecht, would hunt in the forest He will come to me exactly right, I will track him in the forest, catch him, and so plague him that the like has never before been known

Sida Verily, that is what I'd gladly see If we can only catch this bird we might fairly hope to gain control, once more, of the whole princely government, and he'd have to pay us a great ransom, and unless he is willing to lose his life he'll have to reinstate us

Ludolff Be silent, we must be exactly ready, I will shortly revenge myself on him or kill myself and you [Exeunt, sorrowfully

Enter Engelbrecht with his squire. They shout as they enter Holla, holla, holla, then come forward

Engelbrecht We have wandered far from the paths, and no answer is given to our blasts on the horn Look, look, what people are they just over there? In sooth they are running towards us Therefore be well on your guard.

[They lay their hands on their rapier's

Enter Ludolff, the Prince, with Sida, he carries in one hand a drawn sword, and in the other a white staff, and says: Thou young Prince surrender thyself

Engelbrecht. Such booty thou shalt not gain this day Squire, run him through with thy sword

[They try to draw from the scabbards. Ludolff strikes the weapons with his staff

Squire I cannot draw my weapon I believe it is bewitched.

Engelbrecht Ay, it is mere magic I am lamed in both hands I can neither bend nor turn. Therefore since there is no other way, I must be thy prisoner and live according to thy pleasure

Ludolff Give me at once thy promise of this. And as for you, you saucebox, clear out, or I'll tread you into the dirt, and hack off all your four limbs, so that you'll cease to bother me, and I'll let crows and ravens feed on you

Squire Alas, an evil hunt have we Gracious Prince, in heavy sorrow, at this time I take my leave of you [Exit

Ludolff. Now thou art my very slave As thy father unrighteously drove me from home and people, and heaped on me great scoff and scorn, so shalt thou be parted from him and all thy country Thou shalt carry wood for my daughter, and everything which she tells thee thou must obey and accomplish, or heavy blows shall force thee. And should she complain to me that thou hesitatest at anything, on the spot I'll strike thee dead. [Beats him to the exit. Strikes him on the back with his staff, as does also the daughter, and exeunt

ACTUS SECUNDUS

Enter Dietrich and Rollus running, with loud cries

Rollus. Stop! in all conscience 'tis enough In all my born days no man ever beat me so. And I never did you any harm

Dietrich I'm baseborn, am I? Tell me who told you that lie.

Rollus It never passed my lips But the miller, he said, that you had called me a rogue, and had said my father was hanged and my brother too—and that's the account I wanted to settle

Dietrich I never call'd thee a rogue I never thought of thy father or of thy brother being hanged

Rollus It's that miller, then, who has set us on Let the rogue himself be hung We'll accuse him before the Mayor He shall pay for it, because we were put up to it
[*Exeunt running, then re-enter at opposite entrance*]

Dietrich The scoundrel has cleared out

Rollus Ay, the fellow's never at home, but I'll not rest till I've found the black-guard [Enter John, disguised as an old woman, walking with a crutch] Dear old lady tell us the truth, haven't you seen John Miller?

John Molitor (in an old woman's weak voice) John Miller—how should I have seen him, what the devil have I to do with him? Ask people who know

Rollus There, there, old mother I know a man I can ask He'll tell us in a minute

John (still like an old woman) Ay, if he can do that, it's no small job, and I'll go with you too
Exeunt

Enter Prince Leudegast with Franciscus and Elemaus, and says (seating himself) It seems very strange to me that you should return home all alone, without my dear son, after my strict commands that you should stay by his side Let us write in every direction to find out where he is In his death you've killed me That was a sad hunting for me

Franciscus In sooth it is a downright sorrow that he should so have escaped us We surrounded a deer which the young prince wanted to bring down And with the deer he was lost too We called the huntsman's *Holla* after him, and blew the horns also We supposed he would return, but we could neither see him nor hear him Yet we did not despair We knew that he had with him his squire—the same who is now approaching
[Enter Squire]

Prince Where did you leave my son? What happened to you on the chase?

Squire Alas, the young prince is a prisoner, as he was stalking a deer which he wished to bring down with his own gun He missed the deer, and we got lost in the forest and could hear neither dogs nor horns. While we were stopping to think, a woman sprang upon us and then a man, who boldly seized us, demanded our surrender, and grievously threatened us But we grasped our swords to rid ourselves of him, when, with a staff he had in his hand, he gave a little stroke on our weapons and we couldn't draw them. Such a terror then seized us that we had to surrender. And after he had severely threatened us, he bade me go my ways And has kept your Highness's son, who therefore has to endure everything

Leudegast Alas, thou bad, unlucky chase! What evil thou bringest upon my house! And if I had gone out, too, the same would have happened to me How shall I set about releasing my son? If it is Ludolf, our bitter foe, who has taken my son, he will surely take his life We must not therefore lose a minute

Elemaus It is a remarkable story, of which it is useless to talk much, but highly necessary to take such counsel that every step shall be taken wisely

Leudegast. Come, then, let us consult There's no use in standing still We must contrive some protection for my son
[*They all go out*]

Enter Prince Ludolf, with his staff

Ludolf Again my luck has turned And my enemy is in my power, whom I'll treat badly enough But soft, what rabble comes here ?

Enter Dietrich and Rollus, with John Molitor in woman's clothes

Dietrich Gracious Sir, we two have a secret to discuss with you We can't find it out in any other way, and so we beg the aid of your magic We'll pay you right well A miller lives near us who has put a scandal on us, and we have a score of complaints against him But we cannot find him at home, and we believe this old woman knows where he is

John Molitor (*like an old woman*) In faith, I know neither where he is nor who he is

Ludolf (*shakes his head and lays his staff on John's head*) Thou art a downright jade I know you well, you sorry beldame Just take that kerchief off your head and we'll soon find the miller

[*He knocks off the kerchief with his staff and reveals John Molitor*

Dietrich Thou shalt not leave here alive We'll punish you to our hearts' content, so that hereafter no good man by your means shall come to grief

John O Magician, I beg for mercy Your art is ahead of mine

Ludolf. What punishment do you wish me to inflict on him ?

Rollus Magician, turn him into a fox, to restrain his impudence hereafter

John I'll eat your chickens, and do you even more harm than now

Dietrich Mr Magician, if it is possible make an ass of him

John Silly cobbler, just remember that if I am turned into an ass I'll ruin thee Cows, horses, and pigs shall bear nothing but asses, whose hides are good only for drums Where'll you get your leather—be sure, I'd give you nothing but that of asses

Dietrich. Well, then, let him be a man, and punish him as much as you please

Ludolf I'd already fixed it He shall stay with me here in the forest, and to guard against any spooniness * between my daughter and Engelbrecht, he shall keep a faithful eye on both and report to me But first swear to me that you'll do it

[*He swears* *Exeunt*

Enter Sidea with the young prince Engelbrecht, who is very meanly clad, and is carrying some logs and an axe, which he lays down

Sidea (*threatening him with her staff*) Unless you want to get a flogging, you'll split me that wood up pretty quick, you abominable, lazy dog !

Engelbrecht (*falling at her feet and imploring with his hands*). Woe's me, I'm utterly sick at heart and cannot go another step in doing this work I am utterly exhausted, not an atom of strength is left in my body 'Twere better far to kill me at once than to put on me such daily tasks, such heavy work I beg you, as sincerely as I can, to kill me outright.

Sidea (*addressing the audience*) Although his father condemns my father to misery and to need, and I, his princely daughter, have cause enough for vengeance, yet when I think over the whole affair I have to bear in mind that he, too, is of princely birth

* I am ready to confess my ignorant surprise at the antiquity of this word The original, *diffley*, I had always thought was modern slang adopted from the English But from its presence here, earlier than 1605, it seems as though it were we who had taken it from the German Let me here add what, perhaps, I should have mentioned before, that the difficulties of translation are increased by the lack of punctuation Except here and there, in the stage directions, there are not a dozen marks of punctuation, of any kind, throughout the original play —Ed

and has done us no harm, and, sooth to say, ought not to have to pay his father's debt. And, then, he has such a figure that on the score of beauty I cannot hate him. And if I must lead this life for a long time here in the forest, what a joy and happiness it were if he were to prove faithful to me and take me for his wedded wife. I'd like to help him out of all this need and woe. I'll tell him secretly about it. [*She goes up to him*] My Engelbrecht, what would'st thou do if, on account of thy service, I were to release thee and then take thee in marriage.

Engelbrecht (falling at her feet) Ah, speak not, or my emotions will kill me. All the living gods in the world could not bring that about, but, if it were possible, my fate were then the best of all. Yes, to thy love I would devote myself, and serve thee body and soul, and make thee a princess.

Sidea If I could trust thee in this matter, and thou wilt accede and aid me with hand and mouth, I'll speak further with thee.

Engelbrecht Ay, you ought to trust me, and you ought also to be my spouse.

Sidea Art thou then mine?

[*They join hands*]

Engelbrecht Yes.

Sidea Then I am thine. May the gods remain with us! Nothing now but death shall part us. That thou mayst see how earnest I am, I'll follow whithersoever thou leadest.

[*They embrace*]

Enter Runcifal the Devil, and says *Sidea*, this proposal of thine I'll go straight and tell thy father. It's eminently improper that thou shouldst allow thyself to be carried off. [*Sidea takes her staff, strikes him on the mouth. He signifies that he is dumb, and sorrowfully departs*]

Sidea Now the Spirit cannot harm us by betraying us to my father. Now we can go away from this country.

[*Exeunt*]

Enter Prince Ludolf with John Molitor, in a rage he strikes John on the head with his staff, and says Where is *Sidea*? tell me at once.

John I don't know. If she's not in the forest, she's with Engelbrecht.

Ludolf Art thou not my slave, whose duty 'twas to guard them?

John. Ay, ay, I know that well enough. But, gracious Sir, there are two of them, and they didn't tell me where they were going. So I don't know where they are.

Ludolf. This shall cost thee thy life. Clear out and find where they are. And if thou dost not bring them back quickly, I'll cut thy head off.

[*John Molitor scratches his head and Exit.*]

ACTUS TERTIUS

Enter Engelbrecht and Sidea.

Sidea For my part, I hope we have now escaped from my father. But I am so tired from walking, that if my life and limb depended on it I could go no further. Would that I had stayed at home! But burning love has driven me to this risk.

Engelbrecht. Pray do not let this difficulty conquer you. If you can go no further afoot, you'll have to be driven in a coach. Wait here until I can send a coach back for you, with servants to bring you in.

Sidea I have stolen away from my father. Do you think that he will ever cease from seeking me on every road, and if he should find me here I've looked my last on you, and I must die before his face.

Engelbrecht The gods can never will that. But to prevent your father from

finding you, you must climb this tree He could pass under it half a dozen times before he'd ever find you Besides you'll not stay there long

Sidea Alack, my heart misgives, but you'll forget me

Engelbrecht Ah, sweetheart, have no care I pledge my honour and my faith, that I'll ne'er forget you while I live [*He lifts her into the tree*]

Sidea I trust that I shall be safe here, but pray don't forget me

Engelbrecht Why do you harp on 'forgetting'? I'll fetch you immediately

[*Exit*]

The maiden sits in the tree, and says sorrowfully If the prince for whom I have done so much should betray me, I would invoke vengeance on him and revenge, all my life

Enter Finelia the cobbler's wife, with a pitcher to fetch water, and says In this wretched town there's no good drinking-water, so we have to fetch it from a distance My husband at home has told me to hurry and bring some water Water never makes folks dance and hop So I begged him to buy some beer—but the fool is such a skinflint [*She goes to the spring to draw water*] Ei, ei, now I can see myself reflected in the well [*She throws down the pitcher and walks sumpriugly around the spring*] The like of me cannot around be found What an uncommonly lovely creature! What a fool I was to take up with that wax-end loony, that ugly, misshaped booby! I've done with him, I'll straight to court [*Exit*]

Enter Ela, the peasant maid, with a pitcher, and, as she is about to draw some water, she sees the reflected image, and says I cannot tell how surprised I am, now that I see my reflection and discover how fair I am Ei, ei, what was I thinking of to wish to have the miller? I'm downright ashamed of it And though I've loved not wisely, yet there are many people in the world who don't know it, and don't care for it And forsooth, I must needs live in a corner with that fellow! No, no, I'll none of the miller I'll to court as a grand dame.

[*She also throws away her pitcher and walks proudly off.*]

Enter John Molitor, and says My master raves awfully and swears I must find out his daughter, because I didn't look sharp enough after her He reviles, insults, and blackguards me Yes, indeed, he said it to my face, that if I didn't find her he'd kill me I've run round the whole world, and have neither gutted nor guzzled a single thing The sun is mighty hot Look, down yonder is a nice spring, I'll refresh myself there a bit [*He goes to the spring, looks in, stands up, looks up into the tree, and says*] The reflection frightened me. What lovely dolls are hanging on the tree This is the luckiest spring in the world, for here I've found the girl I'll go straight and tell my master He'll come to fetch her right off [*Exit.*]

Sidea (mournfully in the tree) Alas! whither shall I fly. My dearest stays too long away The water's reflection has betrayed me to John Molitor, and he will tell my father. Alack! for grief and woe! Here is a new danger Engelbrecht has clean forgotten me! Oh woeful day, where shall I fly I am the wretchedest creature on earth. Alas, with what anguish of heart I quiver! Oh, woe and calamity, I hear some people coming!

Enter Dietrich the cobbler, and says I don't know what it means I told my wife to fetch me some water. She came back out of her senses, says she has seen in the well what a beautiful woman she is, and that she'll stay with me no more, but will set up as a lady I can never stand thirst, and if I don't wish to die of it I must fetch water for myself At the same time, I will look and see what has made my wife so silly [*He goes to the well to draw water, and says*] The water gives a reflection.

A beautiful woman must be sitting above the spring [*He looks around and describes Sidea, and says*] Aha! now I see her Oh, tender maiden, tell me what you are doing up there in the tree To whom do you belong? whence do you come?

Sidea *clasps her hands, and says* Ah, my good friend, I beg you sore that you will help me from this tree, and give me shelter for only two days that I may rest myself a while and escape from my enemy And if you will aid me to avoid this calamity, I will reward you richly

Dietrich *the cobbler lifts her from the tree, and says* Indeed, I'll do it willingly But I am very badly off at home

Sidea When there, I'll tell you everything, how I unluckily came hither For I greatly feared that I should be a captive if I stayed there long, and so encountered woe and pain [*They go off together*]

Enter Ludolf *the Prince, and says* Here I'll await my Spirit If he doesn't know where my daughter is, it's all up with the miller I have sworn an oath that he must die by my hand

[*Hereupon Ludolf makes a circle with his staff, Runcifal leaps forth*]

Ludolf Inform me, Runcifal, where my daughter has gone I am greatly enraged with you, because you let her escape and never told me

[*Runcifal indicates that it was not his fault, because he could not speak*]

Ludolf What do you mean? Speak at once

[*Runcifal makes signs that he cannot*]

Ludolf He is bewitched, I clearly see

[*He strikes the Devil on the mouth with his staff*]

Runcifal Your daughter accepted the prince And I came along just then, and was going to tell thee about it, when she struck me on the mouth, so that my tongue was tied and not a single word since then have I spoken How, then, could I tell thee? Thereupon they ran away from thee, and have gone home to his father

Ludolf (*mournfully*) Now at last I am utterly ruined If my John Molitor doesn't find her my heart will never again know peace [*Enter John Molitor with a little drum and pipe, he pipes and the Devil begins to dance*]

Ludolf If thou art so merry, John, and canst pipe, tell me where my daughter is?

John Your daughter?

[*Pipes again and drums*]

Ludolf Yes, my daughter, where is she?

John Marry come up, I've seen her

[*Pipes and drums again, the Devil keeps on dancing*]

Ludolf Where hast thou seen her, show me?

John I saw her [*pipes again, and then he says*] in a tree

Ludolf (*angrily*) Stop thy piping, and tell me about my dear daughter [John pipes and drums, the Devil dances, then some other devils run out, they all dance, at last John stops]

Ludolf I believe thou'st lost thy wits, to kick up such a rumpus here.—You Devils, clear right out —In one word, tell me where thou hast seen my daughter?

John She sat there on the limb of a tree, the very next one to the spring. And I am so mighty joyful now, because I've found her Come hither, and we'll find her there yet 'Tis true I didn't see her The reflection in the water betrayed her, just as I was about to drink

Ludolf Ah, if I could only get her again! Waste no time, but go right off and help me find my daughter [*They go off*]

Enter Dietrich the cobbler, with his wife, and says Finelia mine, tell me, I pray, what's the matter, that thou'lt not treat me kindly any longer?

Finelia I'm sorry I ever accepted thee, and that I live with thee I'm a most lovely woman The like is not in the city

Dietrich Say, who told thee that? He was humbugging thee

Finelia The reflection which I saw in the spring told me

Dietrich Then come along to the spring, and see if thou'st not been plumply deceived [*Finelia goes with him to the spring, looks in, and says*] My former face is gone When I look down now, I can't mistake myself for any one else And I'm scarcely good enough for thee But when I threw away my pitcher I was young and fair like the court dames, and then I thought I was too good for thee

Dietrich Never mind, Finelia dear Look, here comes the maiden whose face was reflected in the well I found her sitting in the tree Thy beauty was an imagined dream It can't compare with hers

Sidea enters, and says Mr Cobbler, I hope you'll grant my prayer, that I may have your wife's clothes to wear on the street, and that you will let her go with me and wear my clothes I'll reward you richly I only want to go to the Prince's court, I'll soon send her back to you

Dietrich That's all right May the gods go with you, and may they all grant that we may soon meet again in joy [*They all go off*]

Enter Prince Ludolff with John Molitor

John On this tree, over this spring, I found your daughter But she's no longer there

Ludolff I don't care for thy findings, find out where she has gone You should have taken her with thee and brought her home

John For joy, I never thought of that I thought that if your grace should come yourself and take her down, it would be a much greater joy [*Ludolff beats him with his staff, and says*] What a stupid, senseless blockhead thou art! Simpleton and silly calf! What thou dost by halves thou'lt pay with thy hide [*Runcifal the Devil runs in, and says*] There's no use in this fuss I've looked everywhere for her We've been thwarted by cunning She's gone to the Prince of Wiltau, and is Engelbrecht's bride So cease your pursuit

Ludolff My misery is indescribable More sorrow and wretchedness has befallen me I've been sold and betrayed I don't know where to begin Don't let us delay, but go at once to my cave There we can discuss how I must manage

[*They all go off*]

ACTUS QUARTUS

Enter Leudegast, Prince of Wiltau, with Franciscus and Elemaus, and says mournfully How can I tell the sorrow of my heart! That Engelbrecht, my only son, should be kept so long in his horrible imprisonment We have sent everywhere for him, but no one has found him I'm afraid he's dead I've just won a wife for him—namely, the daughter of the king of Poland, whom we've just had fetched here. She's waiting impatiently for him, and when she hears that he's a prisoner, she'll never be comforted Moreover, she won't be kept here any longer. She'll go home to-morrow.

Franciscus We'll spare no pains, but try every means to find the young prince. By night and day, with force of arms, Ludolff must be pursued and killed like a dog Every hour he is plotting against us and this country

Elemaus It we are to snatch your Highness' son out of Ludolff's hands, we must send out a great army and carry him off by force Unless I am deceived, there are some people at the door

Leudegast Let them enter Perhaps it is a messenger with unexpected news of my son

Elemaus opens the door, Engelbrecht enters in ragged clothes, Prince Leudegast arises, goes to him, and says Oh, see! oh, woe! what shall we do? Alas, be welcome here, dear son Alas, and wert thou born a prince, and now art in such dreadful clothes And where hast thou been all this time?—Go quick and bring to him some clothes, new shoes, and eke a finger ring, and share all good things here with me—But thou, pray tell me all that has occurred to thee

Engelbrecht Ludolff the prince took me a prisoner Through him I came to great discomfort I had to carry wood for him, and to cut and split it And he treated me very badly And he handed me over to his daughter, who almost took my life Then she took pity on me, a poor, sick, half-dead man After that she did me no more harm, she accepted me in marriage Came away with me as far as this neighborhood When she was able to go no further, I made her get up in a tree a little distance from the highway, while I came off to get a coach Wherefore, Herr Father, orders must be given to bring Sidea here [*Here the counsellors return with the clothes, dress him, and Leudegast says*] My dear son, dost thou lack aught else? Everything which thou desirest we shall graciously grant Also we shall look about for the most lovely maiden for thee, whom thou must marry And so, my son, thou must remain at home, and not expose thyself as heretofore—Gentlemen, bring hither the damsel She has long awaited thee She will be highly delighted (*Elemaus goes off, carrying the clothes, returns with Julia the maiden, and says*) Gracious Prince, I bring the maiden for your gracious son to see, whom we behold with joy.

Julia, the maiden To the gods will we give praises, who have brought you home

Engelbrecht I cannot express my joy, that an hour like this has been granted to me No creature in the world can believe the misery from which I have escaped But I hope things will be better in future After rain comes the sun

Leudegast Darling son, let us retire and discuss how quickest we may celebrate the marriage, and order it in the most costly manner, and that it lacks nothing

[*They all go off, Engelbrecht leading the maiden*]

Enter Duke Ludolff with his John, and says John Molitor, we are done up We must win or die My daughter I will have again or stake my life If the young Prince is going to keep Sidea, he must bring me again into the grace and favour of his old father As it is all thy fault that Sidea escaped, thou'lt have to find out the best way, or with thy hide thou'lt have to pay. (*John shrinks back, and says*) I've always been a prudent man, and if your grace will obey me, just put on my clothes while I put on yours, and thus we'll go together to Court, where we'll devise some cunning practice to bring off Sidea or the lad, whereby the old Prince, in order to retrieve the disgrace, will be forced to restore your gracious Highness to favour and conclude a peace with you

Ludolff. Ay, marry, there's no harm in trying We'll put our fate to the touch. Good luck may favour us! [*They go off*]

Enter Julia, and says sorrowfully Alas, I have just learned that Engelbrecht has already plighted his troth to Sidea, the fairest of maidens, the daughter of the Prince of Wiltau Woe's me, if that is really true, the very first thing that she'll do

will be to contest my betrothal, and I shall come off second best, and then remain the jeer and sneer of rich and poor both far and near. Woe's me, of this had I been ware, they'd not have caught me in this snare. The Prince I know will make it good. He has promised silver, hill, and mountain. If I do not miss it that way, perhaps I may come off pretty well. But now I'll retire to my chamber. *[Exit]*

Enter Sidea, with a shabby cloak over her beautiful clothes, and a kerchief, which she can throw off quickly. She carries a goblet full of a drink, and says Well, I've reached the court at last, but have heard some very bad news, namely, that Prince Engelbrecht has utterly forgotten the benefits I bestowed on him and risked life and limb in the doing. He has lost sight of everything and has at last betrothed another, with whom to-day he celebrates his marriage. But I've got a drink ready for him here, with it I'll creep in among the guests, and when they are at the merriest I'll offer him the draught to drink. The first drop he gulps will make him recognise me, make obeisance to me and call me by name and recall his promise to me, and lead me to the altar afterwards, so that what began in sorrow will have a joyous ending. *[She goes off]*

Enter Leudegast, the Prince, with his counsellors Franciscus and Elemaus, and with Julia and Engelbrecht his son, and says This day is the marriage day, so drive all thoughts and care away. Princes and Lords are gathering here from every country far and near, they wish to beautify this feast for us, and it is, therefore, our duty to show them honour. So then be cheery all. After a while, according to an ancient custom, we'll go to the Great Temple of Jupiter and have you there joined in marriage, with eating, drinking and music, with races, tourneys, contests and combats, and in merry pastimes drown all sorrow. Bid welcome, then, each stranger guest, and honour all, your very best. *[They all bow. Enter Sidea, disguised, as just described, carrying her goblet. She gives them her hand, and then says to the Bridegroom]* Herr Bridegroom, I am an ambassador, perhaps wholly unknown to you, yet sent hither by a great nation. That you may grandly refresh yourself, and feel to-day as you never felt before, drink this wine, which is of the best, and which I here present to you to-day upon your princely wedding. *[Engelbrecht takes the goblet, looks at it, drinks, clasps his hands, and says]* Woe's me! how abandoned I have been to have so scandalously forgotten my darling Sidea. Oh woe! woe! sorrow! anguish and agony! Woe, heartbreaking, sighing, and pain! *[He draws his dagger and says]* My saddened heart I will herewith free from further agony, and be my own executioner for forgetting my dearest. *[Sidea grasps the dagger. All run to them. Sidea says.]* With what folly are you seized. Take comfort, all will be well. Summon up your courage. What though you deserted Sidea in a tree on a strange road, she's alive and brisk and well, and you shall see her in a trice. *[Sidea throws off the cloak and kerchief. Engelbrecht falls at his father's feet, and says]* Ah, Herr Father, take pity on me. She who has just come in is the daughter of Prince Ludolf, he whose temper was worse than a wolf's, he gave me to her for her own. She preserved my life, and had she not done so I should have been decayed long ago. I plighted her my troth, and when she could go no further, I put her in a tree in the woods and promised to fetch her right away, as I told you, Herr Father. After that, I forgot it and engaged myself to Julia, whom my conscience now reproaches me I cannot lead to the altar—rather will I lose my life. *[To Julia he says.]* Wherefore, princely maiden, I implore that you will pity my anguish and release my plighted troth.

Julia It doesn't matter a great deal. If you were engaged to her before me, of course I ought not have come hither, for the first vow takes precedence, I suppose.

But I, poor fool, must now bear reproach from everybody But you ought to be even more ashamed of yourself than I who knew nothing about it

Leudegast Ah, put the best face on the matter It all happened unwittingly That no such reproaches broad and deep may befall you, as you have just spoken of, come with us to the Church, and before you leave, I will confer on you a prince's son, handsome, rich, and as good as he, and you shall have amends from us for all your injuries, big and little [*He goes to Sidea, gives her his hand, and says*] Ah, are you then henceforth my daughter-in-law? Your father is my bitterest foe If he were only here to-day we'd become reconciled, and henceforth for the rest of our days have no more discord Accept my thanks for the kindness and honour you have done my son [*There is a knocking*] Sirrah, see who knocks [*The door is opened, Prince Ludolf with John Molitor enters and stands in a corner*]

Leudegast Who may be those persons that enter? Forsooth, two very ill-mated companions [*Sidea looks around, immediately recognises her father, and says*] Oh woe, it is my father dear, why did he risk himself in here? [*She says to her father*] Alas, Herr Father, what are you doing here? I am in terror for you, that you should thus venture

Ludolf Alas, canst thou be my flesh and blood and betray me so scandalously? [*He goes to Leudegast, and says*] I pray your grace to pardon me As affairs have turned out, I will never, as long as I live, do anything against your grace

Leudegast [*giving him his hand*] Since everything seems to be turning out to make us good friends, I restore your land to you and make with you a lasting peace, never to be broken, but always upheld, the terms whereof shall be carefully laid down after we have consulted together, and sealed it with our privy seals, as soon as the wedding is over

Ludolf All discord shall vanish in pure love and good friendship And to show that the same has power and commences from this very hour, I pledge you, hand and mouth [*Ludolf gives him his hand, and says to his son-in-law*] Now I wish you all health and happiness, although I did treat you pretty badly After all, it's over now without any harm, and everything is turning out well [*To John*] See here, take back your clothes and take off mine [*He attires himself for a wedding*] *Leudegast takes Julia's hand, and says*] Since happiness again is ours and all hostility at an end, let's all together enter here and joyous be with merry cheer, and let the wedding now begin Julia, to you I give as spouse our Prince Franciscus together with a comfortable fortune, so that your joy will be the greater [*He takes her to the Prince Franciscus, joins their hands, and says*] We thus give you to each other, and let the marriage proceed at once

Franciscus There is no loss, there is great gain Dearest dear, be now comforted; from all your woe be freed This marriage you shall never rue

Julia If your love to me is in earnest, I am satisfied with it All my sorrows have vanished and I will do everything you wish

Leudegast Since everything is now arranged, and the time has come for the marriage to begin, all follow after me, and every care you'll put away; this is, of all, the happiest day

[*They all go out in order.*]

ACTUS QUINTUS

John Molitor remains behind, and concludes This history shows 'Tis bad to resist the strong Whenever circumstances arise which move us to anger, let us control ourse- Consider if we lose our cause, what harm and damage thence accrue

'Tis well said that self-harm brings woe The rich who are stronger, it is better to appease and mollify, than to stir up to strife For the strongest generally comes out on top And although the weaker may find a good chance afterwards for revenge, he mustn't count too much on it Let him look out that luck doesn't beguile him It often happens that he who is to-day on top may shortly get a fall For vengeance doesn't please God, but as the Bible tells us He will himself repay the wicked Therefore so act that each side may yield a bit, and let each so behave that out of former quarrels and contention eternal unity may follow

ALBERT COHN, who, in his *Shakespeare in Germany*, has put under lasting obligations all students of this chapter of German Dramatic History, observes (p. lxxviii) 'Ayrer's piece has a thoroughly legendary character The apparently historical personages are not to be met with in history A Prince Ludolff of Lithuania has existed just as little as a Prince Leudegast of the Wiltau The Wiltau is a fabulous name, the nearest approach to it is Wilna, but it does not appear that the latter has been ever so denominated * History has no record of any Polish Princess (Julia), who was engaged to be married to a son of a Prince of Wiltau (Engelbrecht) Ludolff says to Sidea, "May Jove," &c, and also in other passages the heathen gods are introduced "Heathen clothes" are expressly prescribed for Ludolff and Sidea, a direct proof that Ayrer placed the action in an ante-Christian period Ayrer is not the inventor of this subject, he has had either a legend or a play before him A proof of this is to be found in the First Act, where Leudegast says of Prince Ludolff "Duke Leupold so loves strife and brawl That now he's challenged us to "fall," &c No Duke Leupold appears throughout the whole piece, and the mention of one in this passage is a confusion of names which can only be explained by the supposition of a somewhat careless use of the original sources' Unquestionably Ayrer's play is a mere adaptation; we are so informed on the title-page of his *Opus Theatricum*; but I am inclined to think that *Leupold* for 'Ludolff' is simply an oversight In a note on IV, 1, 164 of *The Tempest*, instead of Miranda, Walker wrote *Matilda*, and his accomplished editor Lettsom never noticed it On p. lxx, Cohn continues, 'In all cases where we are acquainted with the sources from which Ayrer derived his plots, we see that he almost always retains the original names for his principal persons; and as it is highly improbable that these, for the most part purely German names, should have occurred in an English drama of the sixteenth century we cannot place much confidence in the suggestion, that any such work was the common source of the two plays in question Ayrer appears rather to have worked after some German original, and thus may have come to light in England in the form of some metamorphosis or other. Neither is it impossible, or even improbable, that Ayrer's piece itself may have come to Shakespeare's knowledge through the medium of comedians who had returned to England.'

Dr W. BELL finds so much similarity between *Die schöne Sidea* and *The Tempest* that he is convinced that either Ayrer copied from Shakespeare or Shakespeare copied from Ayrer. But as *The Tempest* is one of Shakespeare's latest plays, and as Ayrer died in 1605, it follows that it was not Ayrer who was the plagiarist. 'Nothing would have been more in character,' Bell says (*Sh.'s Puck*, ii, 289), 'than if Shakespeare had made one of the various wandering companies of English performers . . .

* CARO (*Englische Studien*, II band, 1 heft, p. 159) says that among 'German orders "Wiltau" is the usual name for *Wilna*'—Ed.

'and have listened to, if not read,—nay, acted in,—the dramas or Carnival Farces 'of Hans Sachs and Ayrer' Bell then assumes that to this residence of Shakespeare in Germany is due that knowledge of Folk-lore which, as Bell thinks, is to be detected profusely scattered through his plays For instance, a story, taken down by word of mouth by Bechstein (*Deutsches Märchenbuch*, p 172), called *The Three Nuts*, contains the task of log-splitting set to a captive prince by a magician, and vicariously accomplished by a lovely and compassionate princess Again, in Kuhn's *Märkische Sagen*, p 263, a story is given 'which may have helped to build up another portion 'of Shakespeare's *Tempest* from German sources' 'It is entitled *Die König's Tochter beim Popanz, The King's Daughter at the Wizard's*' Here we have a ship wrecked Prince, an enamoured Princess versed in magic arts, a conjuring staff, whereby 'when pursued the Princess turns herself into a wondrous flower and her 'lover into a bee' The parallelism which Bell discovers in this last item may serve as a sample of the value of the rest of his criticism The 'wondrous flower,' Bell finds developed into Miranda, with a play on the meaning of the name, and the 'bee' suggested Ariel's 'Where the *bee* sucks'

'The resemblance of the *Sidea* to *The Tempest*,' says TITTMANN (*Schauspiel a d sechzehnten Jahrhundert*, 1868, II, 151), 'is twofold, it lies first in the main 'idea, which the Folk-lore already contained, and secondly in the attendant details

The former, the reconciliation of hostile Princes by the marriage of their children, 'originated with neither of the two poets, a similar adjustment of difficulties is 'repeatedly found in legend and history' [This erroneous statement is made by almost every German scholar who treats of this subject, and in some cases English critics have been misled into adopting it No English reader, after a moment's thought, will so interpret the forgiveness by Prospero of Alonso But the idea just expressed by Tittmann, and repeated by Meissner, that Prospero's reconciliation with Alonso was brought about by the marriage of Ferdinand and Miranda, seems to have become fixed in Germany] 'In the combination of this main idea the choice of the de- 'tails adds heavily to the weight An accidental accord is hardly possible' Tittmann repeats the stories mentioned by Bell, and adds another from Wolf (*Deutsche Märchen u Sagen*, No 26), whereof the origin is to be traced, he thinks, to the coasts of the North Sea, whence, as the common property of the Lower Saxon stock in Germany and England, Shakespeare might have taken it, just as Ayrer might have chosen another form of it 'Perhaps the Prince had to fight a monster on the island, just as 'Hagen had to fight Gabilun, whereof the form of Caliban is a survival. At all 'events, that feature is genuine which attributes Prospero's power to his mantle, his 'Wishing-mantle. Ariel's pipe and tabor and John Molitor's music are merely 'accidental parallelisms—these instruments are the favourite ones with the Clown on 'the English stage, and Ayrer merely imitates a clown in his John' Tittmann adopts the suggestion made by Cohn, that Shakespeare might possibly have gained his knowledge of these German sources from the returning Comedians, and thinks that through this hypothesis, which is not altogether too recondite, a "Shakespearian mystery," 'as English critics have termed the source of the plot of *The Tempest*, may be brought 'nearer to its final solution' [Let me remark parenthetically, that Tittmann is, I think, unhappy in the text of *Die schöne Sidea* which he has selected for reprinting; and Meissner, the latest critic, has followed him Tittmann's text is to me really more difficult to read than the original For 'than' of the original, Tittmann has *tan*, for 'weh,' he has *we*, and for 'Eh,' &c, his foot-notes, however, are helpful]

Hitherto we have found the German critics temperate in their claims for *Sidea* as a source for *The Tempest*, the most that has been urged by them (Bell was an Englishman) is a common origin. We now come to MEISSNER, whose book (*Untersuchungen über Shakespeare's 'Sturm,' 1872*) of a hundred and fifty octavo pages is devoted to the investigation of the sources of the plot of the present play, its first chapter deals with *Die schöne Sidea*, and therein (p. 13) Meissner does not hesitate to say that for certain details 'Shakespeare profited by Ayer's direct' (*Shakespeare Ayer's Stuck direkt benutzte*). To this extraordinary conclusion he comes after many pages of parallel columns with passages containing what he calls 'resemblances'. After reading them carefully, with all the candour at my command, I confess that, with two, possibly three, exceptions (the hackneyed 'enchantment of the swords,' the 'logbearing,' and possibly Prospero's 'cell' and Ludolf's 'cave'), I fail to detect in many instances anything more than the merest chance resemblance, and, in the majority of instances, any resemblance whatever. For example 'Muanda My husband, then? Ferd Ay, with a heart as willing As bondage e'er of freedom, 'here's my hand Mir And mine with my heart in't' To this passage Meissner (p. 12) finds even a *verbal* parallelism in the following 'Sidea Bistu denn mein Engelbrecht Ja Sidea So bleib ich dein Die Götter bleiben mit vns beyden' [Here Meissner takes two lines from a preceding speech of Sidea where she asks Engelbrecht what he would do if she should release him from his slavery] 'Wenn ich dir deiner Dienstbarkeit Zu wegen brecht jetzt ein freyheit' From one learn all, or to take another instance, which is here given from *The Tempest* just as Meissner gives it, except that it is given in Shakespeare's English and in Cohn's (1 e Solly's) translation of the German. In I. ii. 'Ariel Is there more toil? Since thou dost give me pains. Prospero. How now? moody? . . . If thou more murmur'st I will rend an oak' To this, Meissner gives as a parallel from *Sidea* 'Ludolf with a white silver wand makes a circle with some characters in it, strikes the opening with his wand, the Devil Runcival leaps forth, spits out fire, walks around the circle and says angrily. "Ludolf, thou art a wicked man, For thee I nowhere tarry can If thou an ill dost meditate, Thou think'st I must be with thee straight. . . Ludolf Thou "rogue" if thou so proud wilt be," &c'

From such proofs as these the conclusion is drawn that Shakespeare went direct to Ayer! I remember that Hamlet once spoke of 'a god kissing carrion'

HALLIWELL (p. 503) suggests that 'Prospero's prototype may be looked for, with some probability of the research being successful, in the early histories of Genoa, where, in the year 1477, according to Thomas's *Historie of Italye*, 1561, "Prospero Adorno was established as the Duke of Millain's luetenaut there, but he continued scarcely one yeare, tyl by meane of new practises that he held with Ferdinando, kynge of Naples, he was had in suspicion to the Milanese; who, willynge to depose him, raysed a newe commocion of the people, so that where he was before the dukes luetenante, now he was made gouernoure [or duke] absolutely of the comonwealth" Prospero was, however, deposed, and after some other changes, the citesins, remembering how they were best in quiet, whan they were subjectes to the Duke of Milaine, returned of newe to be under the Milanese domynion; and than was Antony Adorno made gouernoure of the citee for the duke." A further confirmation that it is Prospero was, in all probability, the deposed duke of *The Tempest* will be found in *Della Origine et de Fatti delle Famiglie Illustri d'Italia* di M. Francesco Sanssouino, libro primo, 4to Vin. 1582, wherefrom Halliwell

gives a long extract in the original, which, however, adds nothing, I think, to our knowledge

In the last century, attention was called by STEEVENS to the similarity between *The Tempest* and *Pericles* in the storm scene, MEISSNER (*Untersuchungen über Sh.'s 'Sturm'*) goes further, and urges a resemblance in other respects between the two plays, in Cerimon, Helicanus, and Marina he finds the prototypes of Prospero, Gonzalo, and Miranda, in the last name he questions if there be not a reminiscence of Marina. He accepts Hunter's theory that the description of the tempest was suggested by Ariosto's *Orlando*, and adds two or three additional stanzas to those already quoted by Hunter. Furthermore, Meissner believes (p. 63), that Shakespeare derived his idea of Caliban from the description in Ammianus Marcellinus of the Huns, because the latter were of old supposed to be the progeny of the Devil and witches, the Latin author was translated in 1609 by Holland. In regard to this theory, it is pleasant to learn from his Preface that Meissner does not set upon it a high value.

The source of the Masque, Meissner asserts to have been the festivities at Stirling Castle when Prince Henry was baptised. To be sure, these festivities took place in 1594, and Shakespeare did not write his masque, so says Meissner, until eighteen years afterwards, but what are eighteen years to a man who tabulates for future use every incident of the day and every scrap of his knowledge? But Meissner's introductory paragraph (p. 81), with its intimate and assured knowledge of Shakespeare's inner life, should not be lost. It is as follows: 'The representation of happiness by the three figures—Ceres, Iris, and Juno—Shakespeare borrowed from a description of the Festival performance produced at Stirling Castle by order of King James on the occasion of the Baptism of Prince Henry, with extraordinary magnificence in 1594. This Baptism was an event of state of the first importance, and to it many European courts sent representatives. Without doubt these festivities excited great attention in London. Descriptions were printed, came into Shakespeare's hands, and were used by him afterwards for his *Tempest*. It was, it is true, eighteen years later when the poet made use of them, and it could not have been solely his memory that recalled them to him. But we must consider the way in which our poet worked, how he laboriously [*mühselig*] gathered from his library the material which he needed. His idea was to represent dramatically, somehow or other, the sum and substance of earthly happiness. The method he sought and found in these Baptismal Festivities. Perhaps, too, there was an external occasion which awakened the memories of the English Court, of London, and of Shakespeare. To wit. Prince Henry, whose career had had this brilliant opening, and whose later life bade fair to fulfil, to the utmost, all the hopes of his baptism, died suddenly, universally lamented, in the bloom of his youth, on the 6th of November, 1612; that is, at the time when, perhaps, Shakespeare was still busy with *The Tempest*'.

Meissner sums up the sources of *The Tempest* in his Seventh Chapter, which, far too long to quote here, is remarkable for its virtual assumption that Shakespeare's plays are mere mosaics, painfully composed by gathering from every quarter under heaven all stray bits of glass or glittering tinsel, or, why not add? a few odd silver spoons, and then let the monstrous magpie stand confessed. But the concluding paragraph (p. 95) of this chapter is important, and it is here: 'The foregoing compilation and grouping of the sources of *The Tempest* give us an interesting glance into the work-

'shop of the poet We see that whenever he needed any action, or anything in the nature of a narrative, he did not create out of his own imagination Was he lacking in the inventive faculty of a novelist, were his powers weakening from age, or was it from the calculation that it would be better for him to let the action influence the characters from without, instead of letting it develop freely and unrestrained out of the characters, as it probably would have developed had he himself, unaided, also invented it? Probably it was from all these reasons combined In the mean while, however, we cannot avoid the inference, which indeed is confirmed by his other works, that, in very sooth, in the case of this first of all poets the inventive faculty of a novelist—whereof a smaller share falls to the German nation than to the Romance, a smaller share to men than to women—stands revealed as conspicuously inferior in proportion to the development in other directions of his imagination'

It is perhaps worth while to mention, and merely to mention, two or three items on which Meissner (p 13) lays stress The first (see Cohn, p xxv) is the Appointment by Christian, Duke of Saxony, of certain 'fiddlers and instrumentalists,' 'as his true and zealous servants to attend on him at banquets,' 'and entertain him with music and with their art in leaping,' &c By a decree of 25th of October, 1586, provision was made for their conveyance to Berlin Among the names of these jumpers and dancers appear Thomas Pope and George Bryan, both of whom are supposed to have been the same who were subsequently attached to Shakespeare's company of actors at the Blackfriars The second is an *Album* (see Cohn, p xxxv) of one Johannes Cellarius of Nürnberg (which town Meissner italicises), wherein appear the autographs of the English players, Thomas Sackeville, bearing date 1 February, 1604, and Johan Breidstrasz, with the date 24 March, 1606 This 'Breidstrasz' is supposed to be the translation of 'Breadstreet,' which, perhaps, it may be, although it is conceivable that it would have been quite as easy, and certainly more correct, for the owner to translate it 'Brodstrass' In this same *Album* there is also the autograph of John Doland (as it is there spelled) subscribed to the musical notation of a 'fuga' The first item, says Meissner (p 14), 'points to the intimate connection between the Shakespearean stage and Germany, and the second, to an early intimate connection between London artists and Nürnberg, Ayer's native town Dowland could very easily have brought away with him *The fair Sidea*, and handed it over to Shakespeare' Lastly, Meissner cites an extract (Cohn, p lxxvii) from a MS chronicle of the city of Nuremberg to the effect that, '1613 On Sunday, the 27th of June, the Elector of Brandenburg's servants and the English Comedians acted the beautiful comedies and tragedies of Philole and Mariane, Item, of Celde and Sedgea,' &c 'With great probability,' adds Meissner, 'we may assume this *Sedgea*, acted at that time and precisely in Nürnberg, to be our *Fair Sidea*' In Meissner's truly admirable book, *Die Englischen Comedianten zur zeit Shakespeares in Oesterreich*, 1884, reference is made to this same extract, and in regard to *Sedgea* Meissner says (p 36) that it is, 'perhaps, Jacob Ayer's *Fair Sidea* which' [and here he reveals how twelve years have imbedded the idea in his mind] 'Shakespeare used for his *Tempest*'

In all the foregoing speculations of Meissner (and it is not Meissner alone who yields to this influence, but all who deal with Shakespeare outside of his plays seem to be similarly affected) we see how the *insanabile cacoëthes* of taking assumptions for realities, of fancy for fact, leads to the building of stately domes on shifting sand. It is perhaps noteworthy that the foregoing appointment to his household by the Elector of Saxony of George Bryan and Thomas Pope could have lasted only a few

weeks The date of the appointment is after the 25th of October, 1586, and yet FLEAY (*Hist of the Stage*, p. 82) says that Bryan and Pope were, with the rest of Leicester's men, playing in London in January, 1587 In the lax orthography of those days not much importance can attach to the spelling of proper names, but it may be remarked that in the photolithograph given by Cohn of these actors' autographs, the names are written in German characters and signed 'Thomas Poppe' and 'George Bryand' (or 'Bryane,' it is impossible to decide which) 'Thomas King' is the only signature in English characters

In an Introduction to Corneille's tragedy of *Heraklius*, Voltaire gives extracts and translations from Calderon's drama of *En esta vida todo es verdad y todo es mentira*, and, after a discussion of the question whether Corneille was indebted to Calderon or Calderon to Corneille, comes to the conclusion that what is common to both must be conceded to Calderon This discussion attracted the attention of HERMAN GRIMM, who upon further investigation discovered (*Fünfehn Essays*, 1875, p. 206) that the scenes which Dryden and Davenant contributed to their *Version of The Tempest* are to be found word for word in Calderon's Comedy After a brief recapitulation of Calderon's drama, Grimm arrives at the following conclusions (p. 216) 'Calderon's play not only furnished Dryden with his additional scenes to *The Tempest*, but, apart from these scenes, stands in close kinship to the original itself of Shakespeare, but not, however, in such a way that the Spanish poet can be said to have made use of *The Tempest* The resemblance lies not in the conduct of the plot or the sequence of scenes, but only in the coincidence of similar legendary fundamental ideas, in Calderon we find a magician and his daughter, although only subordinate characters Of course Calderon was much later than Shakespeare — But now, on the other hand, we find in Shakespeare Calderon's Astolf and the two young princes, but in another play These three characters correspond to the old man and the two youths in *Cymbeline* Did Calderon weld together his play out of Shakespeare's *Tempest* and *Cymbeline*? Was Shakespeare known in Spain at that day? Strangely enough, this very episode in Shakespeare, where Imogen encounters the dwellers in the cave, is but loosely inserted in the play, and is not to be found in the novel out of which all the rest of the play was elaborated Shakespeare himself, therefore, must have derived this addition from elsewhere But how incomparably beautiful is the way in which Shakespeare has represented the innocence of the youths who take Imogen for a boy! Only incidentally is their ignorance intimated, and the delicatest idyll evolved from it This is our way of representing such things poetically Calderon, the Spaniard, goes straight to the heart of the matter and relentlessly describes it, wherein Dryden follows him — [From a comparison of the dramatic treatment in these two plays, by Shakespeare and by Calderon,] it seems to me likely [p. 218] that Calderon knew nothing of Shakespeare, and that both drew from the same source It is, then, to the last degree remarkable that it was Dryden's hand which re-endowed, or rather completed to the full, Shakespeare's play with that which Shakespeare himself had omitted or had introduced into *Cymbeline* — But whence did Shakespeare and Calderon draw their material? They could hardly have had before them any old play . . . Both works must be traced back to some common novelistic foundation — Let us seek further in this direction The idea of celebrating the angelic innocence of youth is as old as Poesy itself The insensibility of Adonis is its most beautiful expression in antiquity; the inexperience of Daphne in the idyll of Longus is an example of an even more refined pi'ffering

of the theme. But of touching beauty, and a blossom of the purest meaning, is an Indian poem which tells how a king's daughter, Sanata, went forth to allure the youth Rischiasringa into her father's realm, in order to bring by his presence the long-desired rain, for lack of which the fields were burning up. The youth is living with his aged father in a grove, both are penitents. Sanata waits for the absence of the old man that she may approach Rischiasringa, who had never seen a woman and who supposes the lovely girl to be a young scholastic. Their first meeting, the vanishing of Sanata, the longing of Rischiasringa, the story he tells his father, Sanata's repeated visits, and how she lured him away, form the loveliest, fairest scenes, and belong to the best poetry I know. How cold and insufferable is Dryden's work alongside of them! but Shakespeare's Imogen stands the comparison. No trace is to be found of an earlier acquaintance with this poem in Europe, perhaps it was known to the story-tellers in India from whom Johannes Damascenus received the episodes of his *Baalam and Josaphat*. In the fourth century this was composed in Syriac, thence translated into Greek, and its contents—that is, all the little stories of which it is made up—were known in Europe long before Shakespeare's time.

(P 221) The composer of *Baalam* owes his material not only to Indian, but also to Ethiopian stories. We may hence infer that the Folk story which forms the basis of the Calderonian play was widely known in the Orient. Separate features from it we again find in other places. Perhaps it passed, in amplified shape, through the Moors to Spain, and so reached Calderon's ears. The magic of the old man, the sudden building of the palace, which as suddenly vanishes, remind us of similar deeds done by Genii in Arabian tales, as also of the subterranean life which always recurs there. But I am dealing only in conjectures. And as to how the story passed out of Spain into England and to Shakespeare, I can only suggest that the written statement of all things is more easily established, but only in our times, when one is sure that nearly everything gets into print, can there be a foundation of inquiry, but for those epochs when assuredly there was the very smallest amount of printing, and when oral tradition was the chief way in which stories were diffused, may it be permitted to appeal to this mode of communication by word of mouth, especially when no direct proofs can be adduced. We need not wonder then if the Folk-story, which I have suggested, should have travelled to England also. Thus we see a poetical idea, purely human, appear in an East Indian poem, we meet it in Grecian mythology, a Christian makes use of it in a poem designed to glorify his Faith, it comes to Italy, to Germany, and then takes on a national significance; it spreads, enlarged by pirating from other popular legendary elements, to Spain and to England; Shakespeare makes use of it in two plays, which have no connection the one with the other, one piece from the pen of Shakespeare Dryden changes, and another from Calderon he makes use of to the same end, while from the same drama Corneille takes the idea of a tragedy—Every country impresses on an elemental subject its own peculiarities. In the primeval Indian story the chief emphasis is laid on the disobedience of the youth, who is torn from his consecrated solitude by the loveliness of a female form, in the Grecian myth it is laid on the seductive wiles of Aphrodite, which are wasted on the pure youthful soul of Adonis, in the Oriental legend, the chiefest stress is laid on the contrast between the gloomy subterranean life and the sudden revelation of the true existence, the Spanish poet adorns it with wonderful, heroic, family complications, which he surrounds with the brilliancy of romance and exclusively glorifies the idea of pure legitimacy, the

' Frenchman sets all this aside and gives us a picture of passions sharpened, among both men and women, by politics, but in England, out of the original story there is ' framed a wonderful, mysterious tale of the sea '

In *Englische Studien* (II band, 1 heft, 1878, p 141) J CARO argues zealously in favour of a romance, or of an epic, or of a ballad which celebrated the adventures of Henry IV on an expedition, in 1390, against the Lithuanians, as the remote source of *The Tempest*. He maintains that the romantic history of the Russian princes with whom Henry came then in contact must have been familiar themes in the mouths of minstrels at feast and at camp-fire, and the similarity between these histories, with their details of groundless jealousy, of exiled Princes, of royal marriages, of rescued heirs, and the plots of *The Winter's Tale* and of *The Tempest*, indicates the earliest germ of both of these Comedies. He maintains (p 181) that the connection between Russia and England was, in Shakespeare's time, of the closest, and that when in the second half of the sixteenth century allusions were made to voyages of discovery, the thoughts of Englishmen turned not to the West, but to the East, especially to Russia. 'It is not going too far,' he says, 'to assume that in Shakespeare's time, in England, the interest in Russia and in the Russians was as deep and universal as it was in the eighteenth century in America and in the Americans. In very deed we must assume that Shakespeare stood aloof from the interests of his time and of his surroundings if we believe that he was not stirred by events which moved the crown, the court, and the commercial world, and which the advent of Russian merchants to London brought directly before his eyes.'—Caro's article is extremely interesting and full of romantic details, which, however, seem to me to bear only the general parallelisms, with the story of *The Tempest*, to be expected in the history of such fluctuating monarchies as those with which Caro's name is identified as the historian.

In the note on 'Setebos,' I, ii, 437, a quotation is given which shows that Shakespeare might have obtained the name of this god from Eden's *History of Travayle*, 1577, p 252, Arber's *Reprint*.

MALONE is of opinion (*Var* '21, p 13) that for some traits of Caliban Shakespeare was indebted to a description in Holland's *Pliny*, bk vii, chap 11, of the Choramandæ, 'a savage and wild people, distinct voice and speech they have none, but in stead thereof they keep an horrible gnashing and hideous noise, rough they are and hairy all over their bodies, eyes they have red like the houlets,' &c.

For the expulsion of Prospero from Milan by his brother and for the plots with Alonso, MALONE (*Var* '21, p 6) suggested Greene's *Alphonsus* as a possible source of these incidents in *The Tempest*, and for the marriage of Claribel in Tunis he suggested the *Sixth Tragical Tale* of Turberville, which, as far as I can see, has nothing in common with *The Tempest* but the name 'Tunis'. These suggestions have deservedly received but little notice from subsequent critics.

For the former incident and for the magical banquet, H. C (*Notes and Qu* III, vi, 202) suggests a parallel in the *Rāmāyana*.

In *N. and Qu* (VII, iv, 404) R W BOODLE surmises that the expressions used by Ferdinand when he sees Miranda, I, ii, 489, were suggested by a scene in *The Rare Triumphs of Love and Fortune*, Dodsley, vi.

Many years ago HALLIWELL discovered, in a volume of tracts, some doggerel verses, which he reprinted in 1865, and which were again reprinted ten years later

by Quaritch The sole claim on the attention of Shakespeare students which has been urged for these verses is that they describe the shipwreck of Sir George Somers and mention the 'Bermoothawes' The tract bears substantially the following title '*Nevves from Virginia The Lost Flocke Triumphant With the happy Arruual of that famous and worthy knight Sr Thomas Gates With the maner of their distresse in the Iland of Dem's (otherwise called Bermoothawes) where they remained 42 weekes By R Rich, Gent, one of the Voyage London, 1610*' Three or four stanzas will prove, I think, quite sufficient I omit the first two, which merely describe the setting out of the fleet, the third then tells us how—

'The seas did rage, the windes did blowe,
distressed were they then,
Their ship did leake, her tacklings breake,
in daunger were her men
But heaven was pylotte in this storme,
and to an island nere,
Bermoothawes call'd, conducted then,
which did abate their feare

'But yet these worthies forced were,
opprest with weather againe,
To runne their ship betweene two rockes,
where she doth still remaine
And then on shoare the island came,
inhabited by hogges,
Some foule and tortoyes there were
they onely had one dogge

'To kill these swyne, to yeild them foode
that little had to eate,
Their store was spent, and all things scant,
alas! they wanted meate
A thousand hogges that dogge did kill,
their hunger to sustaine,
And with such foode did in that ile
two and forty weekes remaine,' &c

It may be permitted to surmise that had Malone known of this tract, he would have detected in the prowess of this remarkable dog the hint which supplied Shakespeare with the dogs, which he afterwards set upon Stephano, Trinculo, and Caliban

It may be, perhaps, as well to recall here a note of Henley, on I, ii, 221 Lack of space in the Commentary debarred me from giving in full the passage from Fletcher's *Faithful Shepherdess*, which Henley suggested was an imitation of Ariel's offer of service to Prospero Ariel says, 'I come

To answer thy best pleasure; be't to fly,
To swim, to dive into the fire, to ride
On the curl'd clouds; to thy strong bidding, task
Ariel, and all his quality.'

The alleged imitation is in the Satyr's offer to Clorin, the Faithful Shepherdess, V. v.
ad fin.

‘tell me, sweetest,
 What new service now is meetest
 For the Satyr? Shall I stray
 In the middle air, and stay
 The sailing rack, or nimbly take
 Hold by the moon, and gently make
 Suit to the pale queen of night
 For a beam to give thee light?
 Shall I dive into the sea,
 And bring thee coral, making way
 Through the rising waves that fall
 In snowy fleeces? Dearest, shall
 I catch thee wanton fawns, or flies
 Whose woven wings the summer dyes
 Of many colors? Get thee fruit,
 Or steal from heaven old Orpheus’ lute?
 All these I’ll venture for, and more

To do her service all these woods adore’

On this passage, WEBER quotes HENLEY’s note from *The Tempest*, as given at I, ii, 221, and DYCE repeats Weber, but expresses no opinion of his own. I cannot think that Dyce believed that any imitation by Fletcher is to be here detected. The only verbal identity is in the offer, by both Ariel and the Satyr, to *dive*, but Ariel offers to ‘dive into the fire,’ and the Satyr ‘into the sea.’ Had the imitation been unquestionable, it would have played sad havoc with Malone’s date of 1611 for *The Tempest*. There is but little doubt that *The Faithful Shepherdess* ‘was brought out,’ as GIFFORD says, ‘in 1610, perhaps before.’ DYCE adds that ‘Sir William Skipwith, one of the three friends to whom the author dedicates it, died on the 3rd of May, 1610.’ If an imitation by Fletcher had been more pronounced, or had it been seriously believed to have even existed at all, this question of dates would have assumed importance, and have been discussed under the *Date of Composition*. But as it is, a belief in the alleged imitation has never been seriously entertained.

In conclusion, it may be as well to add a few facts mentioned by HUNTER (*Illustr.*, 168) which, although they by no means indicate any source from which Shakespeare drew his plot, are more germane, perhaps, to a discussion of this subject than to any other. ‘There was a real Alonzo, King of Naples, having a son named Ferdinand, who in 1495 succeeded him in his kingdom. When he was dispossessed by Charles the Eighth of France, he retired to the island of Ischia. Ferdinand did not, as in the play, marry a princess of the house of Milan, but the two houses were at that time united by the marriage of Alonzo himself with Hippolita Sforza, a daughter of Francis, Duke of Milan. Then turning to the history of Milan, we have a banished Duke in Maximilian, who was dispossessed in 1514 by Francis the First of France. We have also an usurping Duke of Milan, corresponding to Antonio, in a brother of Maximilian. To the banished Duke of Milan the original author of this romance seems to have transferred qualities which belonged to Alonzo, King of Naples, of whom it is said that he “renounced his estate unto his son (Ferdinand), took his treasure with him, and sailed into Sicily, where, for the term of his short life, that dur’d scarce one year, he disposed himself to study, solitarness, and religion.”—Thomas’s *Hist. of Italy*, 1549 [See also Hallowell, *ante*,

p 343, and *post* "On Costume," p 354] But the Duke of Milan, called Francis 'may seem to have had a taste for the studies in which Prospero was so great an adept, for I have a treatise on Witchcraft, printed at Milan in 1490, in which the reality of all that goes under the name of magic is affirmed, and the book is dedicated to the duke by its author, Jerome Visconti. The name of Prospero does not occur in either family'

DURATION OF ACTION

SHAKESPEARE has adhered in this play strictly to the Unity of Time. The duration of the action is just about the time required for the performance on the stage. The indications of the time are marked with emphasis and precision. But we have to accept Shakespeare's use of the nautical term 'glass,' and in this instance he has been detected in a technical error. He supposed the sailor's 'glass' to be an *hour* glass instead of a *half-hour* glass. See notes on I, ii, 280, and V, i, 266. Making this allowance, the action of the play lasts from three to four hours.

DANIEL (*New Sh Soc Trans* Pt II p 117) gives the following 'Time analysis' 'In the first scene on the Island, which follows immediately on the shipwreck, Prospero asks Ariel (I, ii, 280), "What is the time o' th' day? Ariel Past the mid "season Prospero At least two glasses the time 'twixt six and now Must by us "both be spent most preciouslly" The opening scene, the shipwreck, may, therefore, be supposed to commence shortly before 2 p m, and it is now just past that hour—A little later [line 390] Caliban, on being called out by Prospero, grumbles "I must eat my dinner" Caliban, for those times, was a late diner—At the commencement of the last scene of the play [V, i, 5] Prospero again asks Ariel "how's "the day?" and Ariel replies—"On the sixth mow, at which time, my Lord, You "said our worke should cease." The time, therefore, for the whole action would be according to Prospero and Ariel, little more than four hours. The testimony of Alonso and the Boatswain is, however, somewhat at variance with this estimate of time. In this same last scene Alonso speaks of himself and his followers as they—"who *three hours* since Were wrack'd upon this shore" And he subsequently says that his son's "eld'st acquaintance" with Miranda "cannot be *three hours*"—The Boatswain, also, who shortly after enters, says,—"*our ship—Which but three glasses "since, we gave out split—Is tight and yare,*" &c. It cannot, however, be overlooked in an enquiry into the time of this play, that though that time is strictly limited to a few hours of one afternoon, it nevertheless contains touches of a much more extended period, for instance, Ferdinand, addressing Miranda, III, i, 42, says—"tis "fresh morning with me When you are by at night" And yet they have never been in each other's company at *morning* or at *night*' Daniel concludes with noticing that as a measure of time for *The Tempest* a 'glass' must be a *one hour glass*

MUSIC

OF inspiring themes in the plays of Shakespeare, musicians have found the largest number in *The Midsummer Night's Dream*, and next in *The Tempest*, in the former, fifteen passages have been set to music, and in the latter, thirteen. This statement I quote from FURNIVALL'S *Introduction* to the New Sh Society's *List of All the Songs and Passages in Shakspere which have been set to Music*, 1884. The

thirteen passages alluded to are properly restricted to Shakespeare's play, the list would be enlarged if Dryden's *Version* were included. I have six additional themes from that *Version*, published by Caulfield. The passages set to music, in the New Sh. Society's *List*, are as follows: 'Now I flam'd amazement,' I, ii, 231-239, 'Come unto these yellow sands,' I, ii, 441-450, 'Full fadom five thy Father lies,' I, ii, 460-468, 'While you here do snooring lie,' II, i, 333-338, 'I shall no more to sea, to sea,' &c., II, ii, 46-57, 'No more dams I'll make for fish,' II, ii, 190-196, 'Flout 'em and cout 'em,' &c., III, ii, 129, 130, 'Before you can say come and goe,' IV, i, 50-54, 'Honour, riches, marriage, blessing,' IV, i, 118-129, 'You sun-burn'd Sickle-men of August weary,' IV, i, 151-155, 'The clowd-capt Towers,' &c., IV, i, 174-178, 'Now do's my Project gather to a head,' V, i, 3-12, and lastly 'Where the Bee sucks,' V, i, 101-107.

Of the foregoing, the music of only two has for us any special interest, viz 'Full fadom five' and 'Where the bee sucks'. The interest, however, in these two is not merely special, but extraordinary. There is reason to suppose that the tunes have survived to which they were sung on the stage in Shakespeare's hearing.

In WILSON's *Cheerfull Ayres or Ballads*, Oxford, 1660, these two songs are given with the name of the composer, R. JOHNSON, who was, according to GROVE'S *Dictionary of Music*, 'a lutenist and composer, and was in January, 1573-4, a retainer in the household of Sir Thomas Kytson. In April, 1575, being still in Sir Thomas's service, he assisted at the grand entertainment given by the Earl of Leicester to Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth. He subsequently came to London . . . and became 'a composer for the theatres. In 1610 he composed the music for Middleton's *Witch*'.

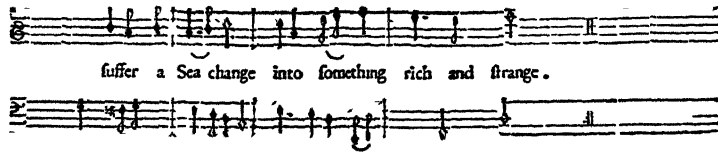
In 1611 he was in the service of Prince Henry at an annual salary of £40. In 1612 he composed the music for Shakespeare's *Tempest*. With his subsequent compositions or his career we are not here concerned. His claims as the composer of these two songs are discussed by ROFFE (*Handbook of Shakespeare Music*, 1878, pp. 86, 87), and fully substantiated.

In the belief that the original music in Wilson's *Cheerfull Ayres* is of greater interest, with all its errors and its remarkable harmony, than any modern corrected version, I have had the pages reproduced by 'Levytyping'. The size of the original, an oblong quarto, with six staves on a page, is about two inches longer and three inches broader than the present reproduction.

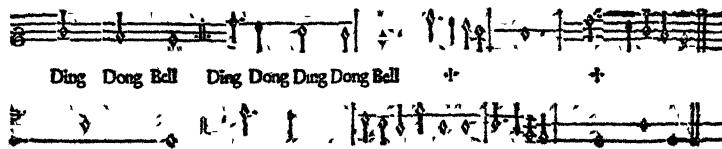
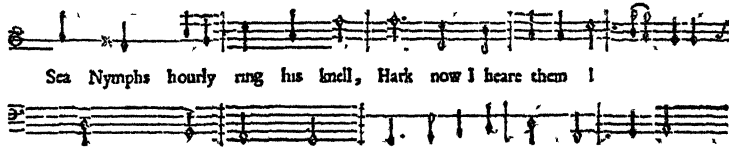
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Full fadome five thy Father lyes, of his bones are Corall made

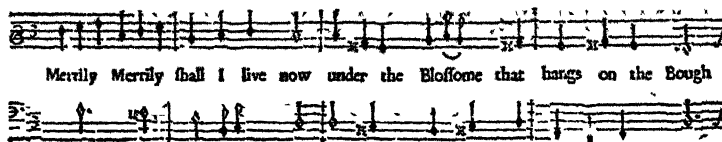
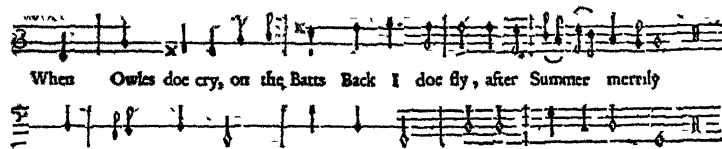
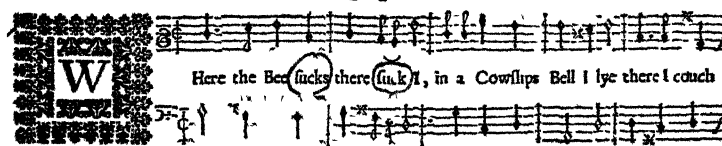
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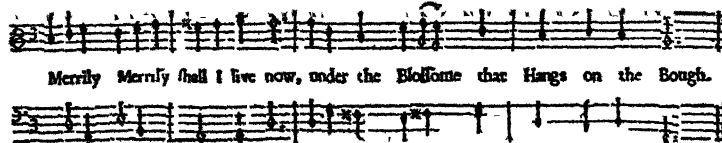
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COSTUME

THE Costumes for the King of Naples and his followers are generally supposed to be, I believe, those of Shakespeare's own day 'If the introduction of the Duke of 'Milan,' says E W GODWIN (*The Architect*, 10 April, 1875), 'makes the historical 'student uneasy, then there is no reason why the costume should not be put back 'seventy years or so In the latter case we should have dresses,' similar to those in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, for which we should go to the paintings of Tintoretto and of Titian

MALONE (*Var* '21, vol xv, p 13) says that the dress worn by CALIBAN, 'which 'doubtless was originally prescribed by the poet himself and has been continued, I 'believe, since his time, is a large bear skin, or the skin of some other animal, and 'he is usually represented with long shaggy hair'

'The extent of Caliban's ichthyological character,' says HALLIWELL (p 334), 'will be determined from allusions in the play to be comparatively slight, perhaps restricted to the finny appearance of his arms A misshapen man, with this peculiarity, would indicate a monster as unnatural as could with propriety be introduced 'as a dramatic character taking an active share in the action of the play Caliban is 'certainly neither a Dagon nor a monkey, the two extremes which have been assigned 'to him by the critics'

See the notes on 'Caliban,' I, II, 364

THE SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY in 1848 published, with notes by J R PLANCHÉ, some facsimiles of drawings made by INIGO JONES of the costumes which were used in Ben Jonson's Masques (among them are two of Shakespeare's characters, one is Jack Cade and the other Romeo, as a Pilgrim). Certain characters in the Masque of *The Fortunate Isles and their Union* are here depicted, and one of them is labelled 'Aery Spirit'—COLLIER suggests that 'very possibly,' Ariel appeared as in this sketch, which is thus described by PLANCHÉ (p 58) 'The Masque commences thus "His Majesty being set, Enter, running, Jobphiel, an Aery Spirit, and " (according to the Magi) the intelligence of Jupiter's sphere, attired in light silks of "various colours, with wings of the same, a bright yellow hair, a chaplet of flowers, "blue silk stockings, and pumps and gloves, with a silver fan in his hand" The figure designed by Inigo Jones, if intended for this principal spirit, presents us with 'some variations from this description. He is attired in a tunic, most probably of "light silk," as the form of the body is pretty clearly defined through it, and over 'the right shoulder he wears a scarf of similar material, and probably of a different 'colour His wig—for by "a hair" a whole head of false hair was signified—no 'doubt was of the "bright yellow" specified, but it is here unadorned by the chaplet 'of flowers. His stockings may have been blue, but he seems to have been depicted 'in buskins, instead of pumps, and gloves are not discernible on his hands, in neither 'of which do we behold a fan'

In Henslowe's *Diary* (*Shakespeare Society's Reprint*, p 277), among the 'properties' of the Lord Admiral's men is 'a robe for to goo invisibell.'—See I, II, 440

HALLIWELL (p 333) The period of the action of this play, although the story is of course entirely fanciful, may be referred, for the sake of those who may require to be informed of the appropriate Costume of the characters, to the latter part of the fifteenth century. There was at this period a real Alphonso or Alonzo, King of Naples, who had a son called Ferdinand. [See Hunter, *Illustr.* 1, 168, quoted *ante*.] The latter, although illegitimate, was named by the Pope as successor to his father's

crown (Thomas's *Hist of Italye*, 1561, f 133), and, after he had succeeded to the throne, was enabled to withstand the attack of an invader by the assistance afforded him by the Pope and the reigning duke of Milan. Previously to this, an attempt had been made by Charles the Eighth of France, at the instigation of a former duke of Milan, "to expulse Kyng Alfonso out of Naples, because he had before taken him for "his enemy, for sekying to mainteigne the astate of Giovanni, the sonne of Galeazo, "agaynst hym." The writer of the romance on which *The Tempest* was founded most likely followed a not unusual custom in adopting the names of some of his haracters from real history. Other small coincidences may probably be traced oy further research, but what is stated above, gleaned merely from the early compilation by Thomas, is sufficient to indicate the date to which the action is to be referred, when a fact of the kind is desired for determining the nature of the accessories required for the purposes of art or representation. The costume of Prospero, when he appears in his necromantic dress, should assimilate to that of the ancient magicians, one of whom is described in a very curious early MS in the possession of Lord Londesborough, as 'being aperelled in a blacke cote, and cape cloke, with a payer of 'blacke silke nether stockes, gartered with blacke garters crose above the knce, having a velvet cap and a blacke fether.' The same authority says that there was to be a magical parchment affixed to the sleeve during the process of an enchantment, and Reginald Scot, in his *Discoverie of Witchcraft*, 1584, gives the form of one of these necromantic symbols, which he says was to be attached to the magician's breast when he desired to invoke a spirit. As it may, however, be doubted whether Shakespeare intended Prospero should be regarded, even in his costume, as a type of the popular idea of a necromancer, it would probably be nearly sufficient to adopt a plain black gown distinguished by the magical cross, and leave the rest to the taste of the artist, limited by a regard to the period of the action (P. 503.) In addition to what has been previously said, it may be observed that the character of Magus in the play of the *Mammages of the Arts*, is represented as being attired 'in a blacke sute with a 'triple crowne on his head, beset with crosses and other magical characters, in blacke 'shooes, with a white wand in his hand.'

DOUCE (1, 30) The character of Trinculo, who in the *Dramatis Persona* is called a 'jester,' is not very well discriminated in the course of the play itself. As he is only associated with Caliban and the drunken butler, there was no opportunity of exhibiting him in the legitimate character of a professed fool, but at the conclusion of the play, it appears that he was in the service of the king of Naples, as well as Stephano. On this account he must be regarded as an allowed domestic buffoon, and should be habited on the stage in the usual manner. [Caliban calls him a 'pied nunny,' which of itself indicates his dress.]

CRITICISMS ON THE PLAY

DR JOHNSON (1773): It is observed of *The Tempest*, that its plan is regular; this the author of *The Reversal* [i. e. Heath] thinks, what I think too, an accidental effect of the story, not intended nor regarded by our author. But whatever might be Shakespeare's intention in forming or adopting the plot, he has made it instrumental to the production of many characters, diversified with boundless invention, and preserved with profound skill in nature, extensive knowledge of opinions, and accurate observation of life. In a single drama are here exhibited princes, courtiers, and sailors

all speaking in their real characters. There is the agency of airy spirits, and of an earthly goblin. The operations of magic, the tumults of a storm, the adventures of a desert island, the native effusion of untaught affection, the punishment of guilt, and the final happiness of the pair for whom our passions and reason are equally interested.

WILLIAM HAZLITT (*Characters of Shakespear's Plays*, 1817, p. 116) *The Tempest* is one of the most original and perfect of Shakespear's productions, and he has shown in it all the variety of his powers. It is full of grace and grandeur. The human and imaginary characters, the dramatic and the grotesque, are blended together with the greatest art, and without any appearance of it. Though he has here given 'to airy nothing a local habitation and a name,' yet that part which is only the fantastic creation of his mind has the same palpable texture and coheres 'seamably' with the rest. As the preternatural part has the air of reality, and almost haunts the imagination with a sense of truth, the real characters and events partake of the wildness of a dream. The stately magician Prospero, driven from his dukedom, but around whom (so potent is his art) airy spirits throng numberless to do his bidding; his daughter Miranda ('worthy of that name') to whom all the power of his art points, and who seems the goddess of the isle, the princely Ferdinand, cast by fate upon the haven of his happiness in this idol of his love, the delicate Ariel, the savage Caliban, half brute, half demon, the drunken ship's crew—are all connected parts of the story, and can hardly be spared from the place they fill. Even the local scenery is of a piece and character with the subject. Prospero's enchanted island seems to have risen up out of the sea, the airy music, the tempest-tossed vessel, the turbulent waves, all have the effect of the landscape background of some fine picture. Shakespear's pencil is (to use an allusion of his own) 'like the dyer's hand, subdued to what it works in.' Everything in him, though it partakes of 'the liberty of wit,' is also subjected to 'the law' of the understanding. For instance, even the drunken sailors, who are made reeling ripe, share, in the disorder of their minds and bodies, in the tumult of the elements, and seem on shore to be as much at the mercy of chance as they were before at the mercy of the wind and waves. These fellows with their sea-wit are the least to our taste of any part of the play, but they are as like drunken sailors as they can be, and are an indirect foil to Caliban, whose figure acquires a classical dignity in the comparison.

CAMPBELL (1838) This drama is comparatively a grave counterpart to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. I say comparatively, for its gayety is only less abandoned and frolicsome. To be condemned to give the preference to either would give me a distress similar to that of being obliged to choose between the loss of two very dear friends—*The Tempest*, however, has a sort of sacredness as the last work of the mighty workman. Shakespear, as if conscious that it would be his last, and as if inspired to typify himself, has made its hero a natural, a dignified, and benevolent magician, who could conjure up spirits from the vasty deep, and command supernatural agency by the most seemingly natural and simple means—And this final play of our poet has magic indeed, for what can be simpler in language than the courtship of Ferdinand and Miranda, and yet what can be more magical than the sympathy with which it subdues us? Here Shakespear himself is Prospero, or rather the superior genius who commands both Prospero and Ariel. But the time was approaching when the potent sorcerer was to break his staff, and to bury it fathoms in the ocean—'deeper than did ever plummet sound.' That staff has never been, and never will be, recovered. [Attention has been called (I cannot now

remember where) to the trivial, 'very venial oversight of drowning the staff instead of the book—ED]

W W LLOYD (*Critical Essay*, Singer's *Second Edition*, 1856, p 94) While then the drama before us is apparently so remote in locality and detail from Virginia, it is most curious to observe how many of the topics brought up by colonies and colonization are indicated and characterised in the play—The wonders of new lands, new races, the exaggerations of travellers, and their truths more strange than exaggeration, new natural phenomena, and superstitious suggestions of them, the perils of the sea and shipwrecks, the effect of such fatalities in awakening remorse for ill-deeds, not unremembered because easily committed, the quarrels and mutinies of colonists for grudges new and old, the contests for authority of the leaders, and the greedy misdirection of industry while even subsistence is precarious, the theories of government for plantations, the imaginary and actual characteristics of man in the state of nature, the complications with the indigenæ, the resort, penally or otherwise, to compelled labour, the reappearance on new soil of the vices of the older world, the contrast of moral and intellectual qualities between the civilized and the savage, and the gradual apprehension of the wondrous strangers by the savage, with all the requirements of activity, promptitude, and vigour demanded for the efficient and successful administration of a settlement,—all these topics, problems, and conjunctures came up in the plantation of Virginia by James I, and familiarity with them and their collateral dependence would heighten the sensibility of the audience to every scene of a play which presented them in contrasted guise, but in a manner that only the more distinctly brought them home to their cardinal bearings in the philosophy of society—of man [P 102] The incidental references to Claribel have the effect of adding another female character to the play, besides their use in furnishing an unforced motive for the voyage of Alonso, they serve to place him in contrast with Prospero in respect of paternal sensibility, while the word Gonzalo throws in at last, reconciles uneasy thoughts about his fate, by indicating that the African marriage had, by good fortune, been of happier event than Alonso had any right to count on, or had concerned himself about anticipating—Gonzalo's Utopian theory of a happy island under theoretical government, presupposes an alteration in power and quality, not only of human nature but of nature at large; it prepares the edge and point of the next scene, where the inclemencies of the isle, the debasing labour rendered necessary, and the vile tendencies of imbruted passion in the occupants, tend to make the fantastic paradise a hell, and the outcry of the debauched slave, 'Freedom, hey day, freedom,' echoing the philosopher's aspiration for entire freedom from all restraint, is only ominous of disaster and misery

FRANÇOIS VICTOR HUGO (*Œuvres Complètes de Shakespeare*, 1865, vol II Introduction, p 87) Only one man resisted this universal current [i.e. the belief in witchcraft promulgated by James]

That man was Shakespeare

Shakespeare did not as did Reginald Scot

He did not reject the traditions of the Bible nor the legends; he engrafted them.

He did not question the existence of the invisible world; he rehabilitated it.

He did not deny man's supernatural power, he ~~en~~enlarged it.

James the Sixth said: 'Accursed be spirits!' Shakespeare says: 'Glory be to spirits!'

This side taken by the poet was not the premeditation of a tactician, it was the result of a conviction. Shakespeare had a profound belief in the mysterious. He was not of those who affirm that the creation which begins with stones stops at man, he accepted fully the popular philosophy which makes an indefinite scale of beings, ascend from matter to idea, from evil to good, from Satan to Jehovah, and midway in this scale places man, half body and half soul. Convinced that there is an intermediate world between man and God, Shakespeare was led, by logic itself, to a recognition of all the creatures wherewith the Pantheism of the Renaissance filled the world. No! Legends did not lie. No! Scripture did not lie. No! Mythology was not a myth. No! Plato did not lie. No! The ancient Druidical dogma did not lie. There is room in the Infinite for all the creatures of all the Theogonies. ('There are more things in this world, Horatio, than are dreamed of in your philosophy'. Above us, around us, and below us there are circling thousands of beings who see us, and whom we do not.) These beings animate creation everywhere, gnomes and satyrs people the earth, nymphs, naiads, and undines people the waters, lares and hobgoblins people houses, sylphs and salamanders people the air and the fire, fairies people the ether, spirits people atoms. These beings form a superior humanity, seeing further than we and knowing more than we. And we, junior humanity, have not the right, forsooth, to address ourselves to this elder sister. We have not the right, forsooth, to evoke her, to consult her, to conjure her. We, sad lump of flesh that we are, must needs be forbidden in our perplexities to call upon these luminous auxiliaries. And not only is this appeal to be forbidden us, but it is to be accounted a crime. And, to punish these invocations to the purest of spiritual beings, fagots are to be prepared.

It is against these conclusions of the legislator that the poet protests.

The law condemns Faerie, Shakespeare celebrates it in *The Midsummer Night's Dream*. The law condemns the magician to the stake, Shakespeare glorifies him in *The Tempest*.

(Page 90) *The Midsummer Night's Dream* depicts the action of the invisible world on man. *The Tempest* symbolizes the action of man on the invisible world.

In the former, the work of the poet's youth, man obeys the spirits. In the latter, the work of the poet's ripe age, it is the spirits who obey man.

Many commentators agree in the belief that *The Tempest* is the last creation of Shakespeare. I will readily believe it. There is in *The Tempest* the solemn tone of a testament. It might be said that, before his death, the poet, in this epopee of the ideal, had designed a codicil for the Future. In this enchanted isle, full of 'sounds and sweet airs that give delight,' we may expect to behold Utopia, the promised land of future generations, Paradise regained. Who in reality is Prospero, the king of this isle? Prospero is the shipwrecked sailor who reaches port, the exile who regains his native land, he who from the depths of despair becomes all-powerful, the worker who by his science has tamed matter, Caliban, and by his genius the spirit, Ariel. Prospero is man, the master of Nature and the despot of destiny, he is the man-Providence!

The Tempest is the supreme denouement, dreamed by Shakespeare, for the bloody drama of Genesis. It is the expiation of the primordial crime. The region whither it transports us is the enchanted land where the sentence of damnation is absolved by clemency, and where reconciliation is ensured by amnesty to the fratricide. And, at the close of the piece, when the poet, touched by emotion, throws Antonio into the arms of Prospero, he has made Cain pardoned by Abel.

EMILE MONTÉGUT (*Revue des Deux Mondes*, 1865, vol. lvm p. 732) *The Tempest* is clearly the last of Shakespeare's dramas, and, under the form of an allegory, is the dramatic last will and testament of the great poet, his adieux to that faithful public whose applause, during the short space of five and twenty years, he had gained for five and twenty masterpieces, and more than eleven others which, full of imagination and charm, would have made for any lesser mortal the most enviable of crowns, in a word, this drama is a poetic synthesis, or, as Prospero would express it in the language of a magician, it is a *microcosm* of that dramatic world which his imagination had created.

[Montégut gives an ingenious and original reason for the position of *The Tempest* in the Folio. Although the last of Shakespeare's plays, it is in that volume placed first, because, like the emblematic frontispieces of antique books, it prepares the reader for the substance of all that follows. No other play will do this, none other is such a synthesis of all. Just as three or four well-selected plants will represent to the experienced eye of a botanist the flora of a hemisphere, so the whole Shakespearian world is brought before the imagination by the characters of Prospero, of Ariel, of Caliban, and of Miranda. 'It is of all poetic generalisations which have ever been made, the most refined and the clearest']

After all, it is quite possible that *The Tempest* was performed for the first time at some marriage, but what is inadmissible is that it was composed expressly for such an occasion, the length of the drama, which far exceeds the customary length of a masque, forbids such a supposition. On the contrary, there is every indication that we are dealing with a work dreamed out at leisure, slowly arranged, patiently executed, and not with a brilliant improvisation which had to be ready at short notice, at a fixed hour for a solemnity which admitted of no delay.—p. 739. [If, however, it be really the fact that it was written for a marriage, Montégut suggests as a possible explanation that the demand for a masque may have broken in on Shakespeare's retirement in Stratford, where he was busily occupied with writing out his farewell to his dear public in this play of *The Tempest*. The demand came from a source too powerful to be refused. Into this farewell piece, nearly finished, Shakespeare intercalated the masque in the Fourth Act, and the thing was done. 'The masque appears to have been introduced somewhat artificially, the general action would not be deranged by its excision'—p. 740.]

Prospero apparently makes several allusions to his own age, and intimates that it is the proper age to retire from public life. When Prospero says to Ariel, 'The time 'twixt six and now must by us both be spent most precious,' it is a little difficult to decide what Shakespeare means by 'the sixth hour', because he wrote this play between his forty-seventh and his forty-eighth year, and Prospero seems to use the word 'hours' as the decades of human life, but in all other respects his words correspond exactly to the age which he had then reached. Like Prospero, Shakespeare had passed the 'mid-season' or summer of life. [When Ariel sings that he will fly 'after summer merrily' we must understand] not the summer of the year, but the summer of life, implying that the befitting hour for genius to retire is at the end of this warm season when its wings can expand in broad day, and that after mature age, or past the 'mid-season,' inspiration departs never to return. This prepossession to retire before age has chilled his genius and while his inspiration is in full course, is perceptible throughout the drama. [For proof of this Montégut appeals to Prospero's farewell to the 'elves of brooks, and standing lakes and groves,' and to the Epilogue.]—p. 472

The history of the Inchaned Island, as Prospero reveals it in his conversations, in the First Act, with Miranda, Ariel, and Caliban,—is it not word for word the history of the English theatre and of the transformation which Shakespeare wrought in it?

A young man, driven from home by domestic reverses, pursued by poverty, and, perhaps, by the persecutions of Sir Thomas Lucy (may his name live for ever!) steps, on the boards of the English theatre

Ah, that primitive English theatre, what a savage, inhospitable place, where the witch Sycorax, another name for barbarism, hourly practised her abominable sorceries! She was scarcely just dead when Shakespeare arrived on this isle of a theatre which he found under the control of a gloomy and nondescript genius, a scion worthy of her, Caliban,—let us boldly call him Marlowe,—a devilish creature, with a criminal imagination, a soul of the damned, whom education debased instead of refining, and whose savagery seemed merely to increase under all the resources of civilisation

In the audacious lusts, in the misshapen thoughts of Caliban can be readily detected that spirit of sedition and impiety which glows in the theatre of Marlowe, but, misshapen as he is, this Caliban of the English theatre is a true son of nature, this 'abhorred slave' of vice is inspired, and he utters with incomparable power the poesy of slime and of crime Accordingly, Shakespeare, who could recognise this, neither denied its worth nor disclaimed it

'This thing of darkness,' he says by the mouth of Prospero, 'I acknowledge mine' But, in taking possession of this theatre with its bloody and perverted inventions, he heard the mournful voice of an imprisoned spirit beseeching him to free it, the sweet voice of English genius, full of tenderness, of melancholy, and of passion, which for expression needed complete freedom

Shakespeare freed this beautiful spirit from the prison where barbarism had confined it, and by its aid humanised the savage theatre Then the brambles burst into flower, the thickets were transformed into verdurous groves where faeries loved to throng, the horrible gloom of the primeval forests was scattered by the light of dazzling apparitions, the foul, mephitic vapours grew melodious, and were crossed and recrossed by songs to which even Caliban and his debased companions could not be insensible and which will retain their power as long as there are souls here below open to music and poesy

Behold the Eden into which Shakespeare converted this savage land! Nevertheless, against this isle, thus transfigured by Prospero, there was many a calumny uttered, its fertility was denied, the enchantments of its sovereign called in doubt

Shakespeare, in this allegory of his life, does not overlook the criticisms of which he was the object Recall the conversation with which the Second Act opens, and the bitter sneers at the Inchaned Isle spoken by Sebastian and Antonio, some George Chapman, or some John Marston, egged on by jealousy and hate, perhaps, also by the instigations of that dog of a Ben Jonson (*ce dogue de Ben Jonson*), great poet and antipathetic character, whose relations with Shakespeare were not always, to his shame be it spoken, free from hypocrisy It is in vain that honest Gonzalo extols the charms of the isle, Antonio and Sebastian criticise everything in it, even the colour of the soil

Patience, malignant sceptics! The phantasmagoria of the vanishing viands and of Ariel as a harpy will soon conquer your incredulity and dazzle you into insanity, and force you, with repentance, to confess the power of Prospero-Shakespeare —p 746

Mrs F A KEMBLE (*MS note in a copy of Hanmer's edition, long in her possession*)
The Tempest is my favourite of Shakespeare's dramas The remoteness of the scene from all known localities allows a range to the imagination such as no other of his plays affords,—not even *The Midsummer Night's Dream*, where, though the-

Dramatis Personæ are half of them superhuman, the scene is laid in a wood 'near Athens', and Theseus and Hippolyta, if fabulous folk, are among the mythological acquaintance of our earliest school days—But the 'uninhabited island, lost in unknown seas, gives far other scope to the wandering fancy. As the scene is removed from all places with which we hold acquaintance, so the story, simple in the extreme, has more reference to past events than to any action in the play itself, which involves but few incidents, and has little to do with common experience—But chiefly I delight in this play, because of the image it presents to my mind of the glorious supremacy of the righteous human soul over all things by which it is surrounded. Prospero is to me the representative of wise and virtuous manhood in its true relation to the combined elements of existence,—the physical powers of the external world, and the varieties of character with which it comes into voluntary, accidental, or enforced contact—Of the wonderful chain of being, of which Caliban is the densest and Ariel the most ethereal extreme, Prospero is the middle link. He—the wise and good man—is the ruling power, to whom the whole series is subject—First, and lowest in the scale, comes the gross and uncouth but powerful savage, who represents both the more ponderous and unwieldy natural elements (as the earth and water), which the wise magician by his knowledge compels to his service, and the brutal and animal propensities of the nature of man which he, the type of its noblest development, holds in lordly subjugation—Next follow the drunken, ribald, foolish retainers of the King of Naples, whose ignorance, knavery, and stupidity represent the coarser attributes of those great, unenlightened masses which, in all communities, threaten authority by their conjunction with brute force and savage ferocity, and only under the wholesome restraint of a wise discipline can be gradually admonished into the salutary subserviency necessary for their civilisation—Ascending by degrees in the scale, the next group is that of the cunning, cruel, selfish, treacherous worldlings, —Princes and Potentates,—the peers, in outward circumstances of high birth and breeding, of the noble Prospero, whose villainous policy (not unaided by his own dereliction of his duties as a governor in the pursuit of his pleasure as a philosopher) triumphs over his fortune, and, through a devilish ability and craft, for a time gets the better of truth and virtue in his person—From these, who represent the baser intellectual, as the former do the baser sensual, properties of humanity, we approach by a most harmonious, moral transition, though the agency of the skilfully interposed figure of the kindly gentleman, Gonzalo, those charming types of youth and love,—Ferdinand and Miranda—The fervent, chivalrous devotion of the youth, and the yielding simplicity and sweetness of the girl, are lovely representations of those natural emotions of tender sentiment and passionate desire which, watched and guided and guarded by the affectionate solicitude and paternal prudence of Prospero, are pruned of their lavish luxuriance, and supported in their violent weakness by the wise will that teaches forbearance and self-control as the only price at which these exquisite flowers of existence may unfold their blossoms in prosperous beauty and bear their rightful harvest of happiness as well as pleasure—Next in this wonderful gamut of being, governed by the sovereign soul of Prospero, come the shining figures of the *Masque*,—beautiful bright apparitions, fitly indicating the air, the fire, and all the more smiling aspects and subtler forces of nature. These minister with prompt obedience to the magical behests of science, and, when not toiling in appointed service for their great task-master, recreate and refresh his senses and his spirit with the ever-varying pageant of this beautiful Universe—Last—highest of all—crowning with a fitful flame of lambent brightness this poetical pyramid of existence, flickers

and flashes the beautiful Demon, without whose exquisite companionship we never think of the royal magician with his grave countenance of command—Ariel seems to me to represent the keenest perceiving intellect, separate from all moral consciousness and sense of responsibility. His power and knowledge are in some respects greater than those of his master,—he can do what Prospero cannot,—he lashes up the Tempest round the island,—he saves the king and his companions from the shipwreck,—he defeats the conspiracy of Sebastian and Anthonio, and discovers the clumsy plot of the beast Caliban,—he wields immediate influence over the elements, and comprehends alike without indignation or sympathy,—which are moral results,—the sin and suffering of humanity. Therefore,—because he is only a spirit of knowledge, he is subject to the spirit of love,—and the wild, subtle, keen, beautiful, powerful creature is compelled to serve with mutinous waywardness and unwilling subjection the human soul that pitied and rescued it from its harsher slavery to sin,—and which, though controlling it with a wise severity to the fulfilment of its duties, years after it with the tearful eyes of tender human love when its wild wings flash away into its newly recovered realm of lawless liberty.

LOWELL (*Among my Books*, 1870, p. 199) If I read *The Tempest* rightly, it is an example of how a great poet should write allegory,—not embodying metaphysical abstractions, but giving us ideals abstracted from life itself, suggesting an under-meaning everywhere, forcing it upon us nowhere, tantalizing the mind with hints that imply so much and tell so little, and yet keep the attention all eye and ear with eager, if fruitless, expectation. Here the leading characters are not merely typical, but symbolical,—that is, they do not illustrate a class of persons, they belong to universal Nature. . . . There is scarce a play of Shakespeare's in which there is such variety of character, none in which character has so little to do in the carrying on and development of the story. But consider for a moment if ever the Imagination has been so embodied as in Prospero, the Fancy as in Ariel, the brute Understanding as in Caliban, who, the moment his poor wits are warmed with the glorious liquor of Stephano, plots rebellion against his natural lord, the higher Reason. Miranda is mere abstract Womanhood, as truly so before she sees Ferdinand as Eve before she was awakened to consciousness by the echo of her own nature coming back to her, the same, and yet not the same, from that of Adam. Ferdinand, again, is nothing more than Youth, compelled to drudge at something he despises, till the sacrifice of will and abnegation of self win him his ideal in Miranda. The subordinate personages are simply types, Sebastian and Antonio, of weak character and evil ambition, Gonzalo, of average sense and honesty, Adrian and Francisco, of the walking gentlemen who fill up a world. They are not characters in the same sense with Iago, Falstaff, Shallow, or Leontes, and it is curious how every one of them loses his way in this enchanted island of life, all the victims of one illusion after another, except Prospero, whose ministers are purely ideal. The whole play indeed is a succession of illusions, winding up with those solemn words of the great enchanter who had summoned to his service every shape of merriment or passion, every figure in the great tragic-comedy of life, and who was now bidding farewell to the scene of his triumphs. For in Prospero shall we not recognise the Artist himself,—

‘That did not better for his life provide

Than public means which public manners breeds,

Whence comes it that his name receives a brand,’—

who has forfeited a shining place in the world's eye by devotion to his art, and who

turned adrift on the ocean of life on the leaky carcass of a boat, has shipwrecked on that Fortunate Island (as men always do who find their true vocation), where he is absolute lord, making all the powers of Nature serve him, but with Ariel and Caliban as special ministers?

RUSKIN (*Munera Pulveris*, ed New York, 1872, p 126) Plato's slave, in the *Polity*, who, well dressed and washed, aspires to the hand of his master's daughter, corresponds curiously to Caliban's attacking Prospero's cell, and there is an undercurrent of meaning throughout, in the *The Tempest* as well as in *The Merchant of Venice*, referring in this case to government, as in that to commerce. Miranda ('the wonderful,' so addressed first by Ferdinand, 'Oh you wonder!') corresponds to Homer's *Arte*, Ariel and Caliban are respectively the spirits of faithful and imaginative labour, opposed to rebellious, hurtful, and slavish labour. Prospero ('for hope'), a true governor, is opposed to Sycorax, the mother of slavery, her name, 'Swine-raven,' indicating at once brutality and deathfulness. For all these dreams of Shakespeare, as those of true and strong men must be, are *φαντάσματα θεία, καὶ σκιά τῶν διγνων*—divine phantasms, and shadows of things that are. We hardly tell our children, willingly, a fable with no purport in it, yet we think God sends his best messengers only to sing fairy tales to us, fond and empty. *The Tempest* is just like a grotesque in a rich missal, 'clasped where paynims pray.' Ariel is the spirit of generous and free-hearted service, in early stages of human society oppressed by ignorance and wild tyranny, venting groans as fast as mill-wheels strike, in shipwreck of states, dreadful, so that 'all but mariners plunge in the brine and 'quit the vessel, then all afire with me,' yet having in itself the will and sweetness of truest peace, whence that is especially called 'Ariel's' song, 'Come unto these yellow sands, and there, *take hands*,' 'courtesied when you have, and kissed, the wild waves 'whist'; (mind, it is 'cortesia,' not 'curtsey'), and read *quiet* for 'whist,' if you want the full sense. Then you may indeed foot it featly, and sweet spirits bear the burden for you,—with watch in the night and call in early morning. The *us urva* in elemental transformation follows—'Full fathom five thy father lies, of his bones are 'coral made.' Then, giving rest *after* labour, it 'fetches dew from the still-vext 'Bermoothes, and with a charm joined to their suffered labour, leaves men asleep.' Snatching away the feast of the cruel, it seems to them as a harpy, followed by the utterly vile, who cannot see in it any shape, but to whom it is the picture of nobody, it still gives shrill harmony to their false and mocking catch, 'Thought is free', but leads them into briers and foul places, and at last hollas the hounds upon them. Minister of fate against the great criminal, it joins itself with the 'incensed seas and 'shores,'—the sword that layeth at it cannot hold, and may 'with bemocked-at stabs 'as soon kill the still-closing waters, as diminish one dowe that is in its plume.' As the guide and aid of true love, it is always called by Prospero 'fine' (the French 'fine,' not the English), or 'delicate'—another long note would be needed to explain all the meaning in this word. Lastly, its work done, and war, it resolves itself into the elements. The intense significance of the last song, 'Where the bee sucks,' I will examine in its due place.—The types of slavery in Caliban are more palpable, the heart of his slavery is in his worship. 'That's a brave god and bears celestial—'liquor.' But, in illustration of the sense in which the Latin *benignus* and *malignus* are to be coupled with *Eleutheria* and *Douleia*, note that Caliban's torment is always the physical reflection of his own nature—'cramps' and 'side stitches that shall pen 'thy breath up, thou shalt be pinched, as thick as honey-combs;' the whole nature

of slavery being one cramp and cretinous contraction. Fancy this of Ariel! You may fetter him, but you set no mark on him, you may put him to hard work and far journey, but you cannot give him a cramp

DOWDEN (*Shakspeare—His Mind and Art*, 1875, p. 425) If I were to allow my fancy to run out in play after such an attempted interpretation, I should describe Prospero as the man of genius, the great artist, lacking at first in practical gifts which lead to material success, and set adrift on the perilous sea of life, in which he finds his enchanted island, where he may achieve his works of wonder. He bears with him Art in its infancy—the marvellous child, Miranda. The grosser passions and appetites—Caliban—he subdues to his service, ‘*Mir* ’Tis a villain, sir, I do not love to look on *Pros*. But as ’tis We cannot miss him’, and he partially informs this servant-monster with intellect and imagination, for Caliban has dim affinities with the higher world of spirits. But these grosser passions and appetites attempt to violate the purity of art. Caliban would seize on Miranda, and people the island with Calibans, therefore his servitude must be strict. And who is Ferdinand? Is he not, with his gallantry and his beauty, the young Fletcher in conjunction with whom Shakspeare worked upon *The Two Noble Kinsmen* and *Henry VIII*? Fletcher is conceived as a follower of the Shaksperian style and method in dramatic art, he had ‘eyed full many a lady with best regard,’ for several virtues had liked several women, but never any with whole-hearted devotion, except Miranda. And to Ferdinand the old enchanter will entrust his daughter, ‘a third of his own life.’ But Shakspeare had perceived the weak point in Fletcher’s genius—its want of hardness of fibre, of patient endurance, and of a sense of the solemnity and sanctity of the service of art. And therefore he finely hints to his friend, that his winning of Miranda must not be too light and easy. It shall be Ferdinand’s task to remove some thousands of logs and pile them, according to the strict injunction of Prospero ‘Don’t despise drudgery and dryasdust work, young poets,’ Shakspeare would seem to say, who had himself so carefully laboured over his English and Roman histories, ‘for Miranda’s sake such drudgery may well seem light.’ Therefore, also, Prospero surrounds the marriage of Ferdinand to his daughter with a religious awe. Ferdinand must honour her as sacred, and win her by hard toil. But the work of the higher imagination is not drudgery—it is swift and serviceable among all the elements, fire upon the topmast, the sea-nymph upon the sands, Ceres the goddess of earth, with harvest blessings, in the Masque. It is essentially Ariel, an airy spirit,—the imaginative genius of poetry, but recently delivered in England from long slavery to Sycorax. Prospero’s departure from the island is the abandoning by Shakspeare of the theatre, the scene of his marvellous works ‘Graves at my command Have waked their sleepers, oped, and let them forth By my so potent art.’ Henceforth Prospero is but a man, no longer a great enchanter. He returns to the dukedom he had lost in Stratford-upon-Avon, and will pay no tribute henceforth to any Alonzo or Lucy of them all.—Thus may one be permitted to play with the grave subject of *The Tempest*, and I ask no more credit for the interpretation here proposed than is given to any other equally innocent, if trifling, attempt to read the supposed allegory.

J. SURTEES PHILLPOTTS (*Rugby Edition*, 1876, p. x.x) Another poet had depicted a magical tempest with a shipwrecked prince cast upon an enchanted island, and there relieved and tended by a king’s daughter. The pictures are both beautiful, but they are not the same, and their difference is as marked a feature in their beauty as their

likeness —If an uneducated person wished to understand the meaning of a poetical creation, or, in other words, to see in what the essential unity of a poem consisted, he could hardly do better than exchange the details in Homer's canvas (*Od.* vi, 244, 275, 310), piece by piece, for those in Shakespeare. He would then see what magic art there is in a poet's colouring, and how even the most trivial details are made to throw a reflected light on the main action of the piece, how, for instance, the attractiveness of the one island enhances the fidelity of Ulysses, while the barrenness of the other blackens the guilt of Antonio —Caliban could not be transferred. He is a purely Celtic creation, the grotesque demonology which made such beings conceivable being wholly foreign to the sunny sportiveness of an Hellenic myth.—Ariel's song would not have been a fit vehicle for conveying sage advice to Ulysses in deadly peril, nor would stern-eyed Athene have ever won her liberty as a 'felix in amoribus' index, even the heavenly grace she sheds on her hero for the nonce being at once turned to the practical end of winning him a free passage to his home.—If we fancy Ulysses taking the place of Ferdinand in *The Tempest*, it is obvious that it must have been a tale without an end, or have had the same end which poor Calypso found so sad. Ferdinand is fresh to the world, he 'carries a brave form,' unlike the toil-worn Ulysses, he has all his life before him, with no memories of long years passed with Penelope, of never-ending travels by land and sea, 'of the towns and moods of many 'men', he is, in short, Miranda's peer.—There is a real resemblance, on the other hand, between the characters of Nausicaa and Miranda. Each stands before us as an ideal of maidenhood, while the depths of tenderness in each are half revealed to us by their expressions of pity and sympathy. Yet for all its unrivalled simplicity, Miranda's character marks the growth in the conception of woman's relation to society since the epic times. Nausicaa is no free agent, she may have preferences, but she does not choose, with a Quaker-like simplicity we see her preparing for her wedding with the suitor of her father's choice. Shakespeare required for his Miranda an amount of self-assertion which to Nausicaa would have seemed indecorous.

FURNIVALL (*Leopold Sh. Introd.*, 1877, p. lxxviii) No play brings out more clearly than *The Tempest* the Fourth-Period spirit [i.e. of Reunion, of Reconciliation, and Forgiveness], and Miranda evidently belongs to that time, she and her fellow, Perdita, being idealisations of the sweet country maidens whom Shakespeare would see about him in his renewed family life at Stratford. Turn back to the First-Period *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and compare with its Stratford girls, stained with the tempers and vulgarities of their day, these Fourth-Period creations of pure beauty and refinement, all earth's loveliness filled with all angels' grace, and recognise what Shakespeare's growth has been. The general consent of critics and readers identifies Shakespeare, in the ripeness and calmness of his art and power, more with Prospero than with any other of his characters, just as the like consent identifies him, in his restless and unsettled state, in his style of less perfect art, with Hamlet.—When we compare Prospero's 'We are such stuff As dreams are made of,' and our little life 'Is rounded with a sleep,' with all the questionings and fears about the future life which perplexed and terrified Hamlet and Claudio, we may see what progress Shakespeare has himself made in soul. The links of this play with *Pericles* are the opening storm in each, Thaisa and Marina thought drowned or dead, and yet restored to Pericles, Ferdinand, and Prospero, and Miranda thought drowned, and yet restored to Alonso, revenge forgotten by Pericles in the fulness of his joy, revenge overcome in Prospero by his willingness to forgive. With earlier plays we can hardly help com-

paring the faithful, cheery Gonzalo, who provides Prospero and Miranda in their danger with clothes, and food, and books, with the faithful Kent, and Gloucester who provides Lear with a room and a litter to drive towards Dover Caliban is hinted at in *Troilus* (III, iii, 264), while Prospero's speech to Miranda, about the zenith and the star, is like Brutus's on the tide in the affairs of men In his inattention to his government, Prospero is like the Duke in *Measure for Measure* With *Hamlet* we have the likenesses of Antonio getting rid of Prospero and seizing his crown to Claudius's murder of Hamlet's father and taking his crown, and Prospero's warning to Ferdinand that 'the strongest oaths are straw to the fire in the blood,' like Polonius's to Ophelia of the blazes when the blood burns, giving more light than heat But Prospero, unlike Hamlet, has been taught by the discipline of his island life, and as soon as fortune gives him his first chance, he acts, and obtains his end As a fairy-land play, the links of *The Tempest* with *A Midsummer Night's Dream* are strong But now it is no longer, as in Shakspeare's youth, that men and women are toys for fairies' whims to play with, in his age the poet uses his magic to wield the fairy-world and the powers of nature for the highest possible end—the winning back to good, of human souls given over to evil Contrast, too, for a moment, Oberon's care for the lovers in the *Dream*, with the beautiful, tender feeling of Prospero for Miranda and Ferdinand here He stands above them almost as a god, yet sharing their feelings and blessing them Note, too, how his tenderness for Miranda revives in his words, 'The fringed 'curtains of thine eyes advance,' the lovely fancy of his youth, her 'two blue win-dows faintly she upheaveth' (*Ven and Ad* 482) He has seized in Miranda, as in Perdita, on a new type of sweet country-girl unspoilt by town devices, and glorified it into a being fit for an angels' world And as he links earth to heaven with Miranda, so he links earth to hell with Caliban.

RICHARD GRANT WHITE (*Studies in Shakespeare*, 1886, p 27) Nothing is clearer to me, the more I read and reflect upon his works, than that, after Shakespeare's first three or four years' experience as a poet and dramatist, he was entirely without ~~even~~ any art-purpose or aim whatever, and used his materials just as they came to his hand, taking no more pains with them than he thought necessary to work them into a play that would please his audience and suit his company, while at the same time, from the necessities of his nature and the impulse that was within him, he wrought out the characters of his personages with the knowledge of a creator of human souls, and in his poetry showed himself the supremest master of human utterance *The Tempest* conforms to the unities of time and place merely because the story made it convenient for the writer to observe them, *The Winter's Tale* defies them because its story made the observance of them very troublesome, and indeed almost, if not quite, impossible There has been a great deal of ingenious speculation about Shakespeare's system of dramatic art It is all unfounded, vague, and worthless Shakespeare had no system of dramatic art.

Dr GARNETT (*Irving Shakespeare*, 1890, p 188) *The Tempest* is not one of those plays whose interest consists in strong dramatic situations The course of the action is revealed from the first Prospero is too manifestly the controlling spirit to arouse much concern for his fortunes Ferdinand and Miranda are soon put out of the ~~r~~ pain, and Ariel lies beyond the limits of humanity The action is simple and uniform, and all occurrences are seen converging slowly towards their destined point No play, perhaps, more perfectly combines intellectual satisfaction with imaginative

pleasure Above and behind the fascination of the plot and the poetry we behold Power and Right evenly paired and working together, and the justification of Providence producing that sentiment of repose and acquiescence which is the object and test of every true work of art

PROSPERO

CHARLES COWDEN-CLARKE (*Sh Characters*, 1863, p 279) But with all our admiration of and sympathy with the illustrious magician, we perforce must acknowledge Prospero to be of a revengeful nature. He has not the true social wisdom, and he only learns Christian wisdom from his servant Ariel By nature he is a selfish aristocrat When he was Duke of Milan he gave himself up to his favourite indulgence of study and retired leisure, yet expected to preserve his state and authority. When master of the Magic Island he is stern and domineering, lording it over his sprite-subjects and ruling them with a wand of rigour He comes there, and takes possession of the territory with all the coolness of a usurper, he assumes despotic sway, and stops only short of absolute unmitigated tyranny His only point of tender human feeling is his daughter, and his only point of genial sympathy is with the dainty being Ariel And yet withal, beneath Prospero's sedate expression, we find there lie real kindness and affection for the little embodied Zephyr, for when, with a sportive question and child-like, Ariel says, 'Do you love me, master?' No,' the master replies, 'Dearly 'my delicate Ariel' And again, afterwards, 'I shall miss thee, but yet thou shalt 'have thy freedom,' showing that he has a heart to comprehend the eagerness of the airy sprite to be at liberty amidst the boundless elements of which he is the creature. The best of Prospero's social philosophy is, that it consists not in so obstinate an adherence to its tenets, but that it suffers itself to be won over to a kindlier and more tolerant course when convinced that he has hitherto held too strict a one His purpose of revenge gives way to mercy when assured that his injurers repent

J. A. HERAUD (*Shakspeare—His Inner Life*, &c, 1865, p 395) Ariel is swayed more by fear than gratitude, a fact which excites Prospero's anger And here let it be remarked what necessities belong to dramatic characterisation Although Shakspeare would not exhibit Prospero with his clear spiritual will and power obscured and troubled by the sensual appetites and passions that made the lives of Antony and Cleopatra 'a storm whereon they rode', yet, had he depicted his benevolent magician as basking perpetually in the sunshine of an open conscience and untroubledly serene, we should have had a being elevated so far above the condition of humanity that we could not have sympathized with him He therefore presents him as chafed with certain obstacles in the magic sphere of his working, and as occasionally wroth with Ariel and Caliban for resistance expressed or implied He is also liable to perturbation of mind from forgetfulness, as in the Fourth Act, when he suddenly remembers the conspiracy of Caliban And thus, with all his moral excellence, Prospero is made to awaken our sympathy for a natural imperfection Meanwhile, all has the wonderful coherence and mystery of a dream

EDWARD R. RUSSELL (*Theological Review*, Oct 1876, p 482) *The Tempest* must be placed among the most fanciful products of Shakespeare's genius, and, though full of gravity and serious incidents, is generally thought to derive any interest it may

have for the reflective and emotional faculties from the fascinating traits of Miranda, Prospero, and Ferdinand. We must be permitted to suggest a deeper purpose. In the *Epilogue*, the poet says his project was to please, but be sure it was to please himself as well as his audience. Let any one to whom the idea has not previously occurred, re-open his Shakespeare with the special intention of appreciating what we may call the Manichæan element in this delightful poem. Postpone the pleasure of letting the mind glide gently down the current of the poet's dream. Cast a gaze of scrutiny into its depths. Fear not lest you should be too polemical. The supreme poetic charm of *The Tempest* will not be easily dissipated. But if for the time you manage to analyze this gossamer thing of beauty, what will you see? A man perfectly wise and gracious, scarcely distinguishable in purity and benevolence from what we believe of God, and endowed by magical studies—or rather (for our present purpose) by the dramatist's will—with superhuman power. Prospero, by this happy fiction of magic lore, is put, without profanity, almost in the place of Deity. In one passage [V, 1], in which he puts forward his humanity, asking whether he shall not be as kindly moved as Ariel towards his prisoners in the lime-grove, seeing that Ariel is but air, while he is 'one of their kind, and relishes all as sharply, passion as they,' it is just possible that there may be an allusion to the sensibility to man's infirmities attributed in Holy Writ to the experiences on earth of the great High Priest. However this may be, we have in Prospero a being capable of calling forth spirits, of causing storms and shipwrecks, miraculous escapes and supernatural restorations, and indeed of doing everything very much as the Deity can, according to the received theory of special providences. To him, in the seemingly cruel exercise of his power, his daughter Miranda makes appeal in the celebrated passage, spoken in sight of the shipwreck, beginning 'If by your art, my dearest father, you have Put the wild 'waters in this roar, allay them.' May we not consider the rest of the play an answer, as this passage is an echo, to the weary doubts of ages in the presence of calamities caused by Omnipotence, which seems malevolent in not having prevented them? To pursue the idea is here impossible, but it will give a new fruitfulness to the reading of *The Tempest* if Prospero be followed in this mood through his grave struggle with powers of evil,—if we note how obstinately the ill elements of sentient life continue malign and perverse in his despite, how cunningly and blindly within the circle of his sway light-minded conspirators tinker their petty schemes, how constantly, vigilantly, and painfully his power has to be exercised if exercised with effect, how, omnipotent though he be, it is only by moral discipline he can work moral ends, and how, contending with his master-mind, the very spirits with whom he has peopled his domain, and who are absolutely his slaves, are 'tricksy' and scarce controllable. — In the light of such a conception of the poet's inner fancy, what analogies are revealed? Even the drunken sailors and Caliban's worship of his sorry sailor-king have their counterparts in God's world. The 'abhorred slave, which any print of goodness will not take, being capable of all ill,' stands for much that is incorrigible in the worse specimens of the human race. The magical threat which imposes chaste love on Ferdinand symbolizes moral laws more absolute than necromancy. The 'stuff 'that dreams are made of' weaves itself into the veritable fabric of created life. Spirits which by Prospero's 'art' have been 'from their confines called to enact his 'present fancies,' may typify whole literatures on which have been inscribed the passing yet eternal thoughts of Deity. 'The rarer action,' says Prospero, is 'In virtue than in vengeance, they being penitent. The sole drift of any purpose doth extend Not a frown further.' And in such words we seem to hear the immortal secret of

Heaven's discipline, so far as men can rightly understand it. But most frequently of all do we perceive in gentlest lineaments the shadowy outlines of that inexplicable, never-ending battle between permitted or necessary evil and omnipotent good which puzzles humanity from age to age. When Prospero abjures his magic, dissolves his airy charm, breaks his staff, buries it certain fathoms in the earth, and, deeper than did ever plummet sound, drowns his book, a sigh of relief breaks from the bosom which his charms have enthralled. We rejoice to know that the hollow of the Divine hand is more capacious than the amplest capacity of a poet's Atlantean genius, and its recufying touch even kinder than this most gracious creation of Shakespeare's tenderest mood of wistful theological thought. That his thought was theological we cannot doubt, ethereal and sparkling as was its expression. It is unlikely that the scheme of *The Tempest* could have had any other origin than the contemplations to which we attribute it, and it is impossible that such analogies to the Divine government should have gone unnoticed under his eye as they passed in the act of creation from his pen.

Dr GARNETT (*Irving Shakespeare*, 1890, p 185) Prospero's mercy is as complete [as that of Imogen or of Hermione], but it is of another kind. It is rather the contemptuous indifference not only of a prince, who feels himself able to despise his enemies, but of a sage no longer capable of being very deeply moved by external accidents and the mutations of earthly fortune. He does not in his heart very greatly care for his dukedom, or very deeply resent the villainy that has deprived him of it. The happiness of his daughter is the only thing which touches him very nearly, and one has the feeling that even the failure of his plans to secure this would not have embittered his life. Nay, so far does he go in detachment from the affairs of the world, that without any external enforcement he breaks his staff and drowns his book and, but for the imperishable gains of study and meditation, takes his place among ordinary men. That this Quixotic height of magnanimity should not surprise, that it should seem quite in keeping with the character, proves how deeply this character has been drawn from Shakespeare's own nature. Prospero is not Shakespeare, but the play is in a certain measure autobiographical. It shows us more than any thing else what the discipline of life had made of Shakespeare at fifty,—a fruit too fully matured to be suffered to hang much longer on the tree. Conscious superiority untinted by arrogance, genial scorn for the mean and base, mercifulness into which contempt enters very largely, serenity excluding passionate affection, while admitting tenderness, intellect overtopping morality, but in no way blighting or perverting it,—such are the mental features of him in whose development the man of the world had kept pace with the poet, and who now shone as the consummate example of both. Another great poet has portrayed for us an aged, potent, and benevolent enchanter. It is interesting to compare Prospero with the Faust of *The Second Part*, who, far more distinctly than Shakespeare's creation, impersonates the author and sums up his final view of life. It is plain that the Time Spirit has been at work, and that either of these poets would have written differently in the century of the other. Though Shakespeare was a more practical man than Goethe, and quite exempt from what, did reverence allow, we might describe as the latter's 'fads,' the Faust of *The Second Part* is a more practical and energetic person than Prospero, and much more strongly impressed with the paramount duty of labouring for the common weal in his day and generation. On the other hand, although Goethe was a more highly cultivated man than Shakespeare and much more advanced in years, his Faust does

not possess the calm superiority and pure, thrice-defecated refinement of Prospero. The ex-manager of the Globe, with his constant eye to the main chance, has produced a pattern for scholars, the statesman and courtier has given a model for the ordinary man. We must ascribe this in great measure to the different circumstances of the periods of the respective authors. Neither Faust nor Prospero is a perfect character. Each has a past to be repented of. Prospero, indeed, has not, like Faust, committed crime, but neither has he, like Faust, been exposed to the temptations of a supernatural intelligence. His errors have been the product of his own nature, he has, like the monarch [i.e. King James. See p. 303 *ante*] he shadows forth, been too bookish for a King. 'for the liberal arts Without a parallel, these 'being all my study The government I cast upon my brother, And to my state grew 'stranger, being transported And rapt in secret studies'—Prospero's narrative, in which this is confessed, is a subtle piece of dramatic irony, he does not blame himself, or suspect that he may be lowering himself in his daughter's opinion, or see anything except the treachery from which he has suffered, but which he has himself invited. There is, besides, a slight tinge of irony in Shakespeare's conception of his wisdom, it is admirable and adequate to the end it would attain, but a little too fussy and self-conscious to rank as the very highest manifestation of intellect. It is what one continually sees in men of great parts and long experience, intimately persuaded that no one can do anything so well as themselves, and perhaps not without ground for that conviction, but a trifle too obtrusive in the assertion of it. The remaining deductions from Prospero's perfection are also conspicuous in Faust. Shakespeare and Goethe, delineating aged men, have given them a tinge of petulance and peevishness. In Faust this becomes unreasoning injustice, and makes him, contrary to his intention, re-enact the tragedy of Naboth's vineyard. In Prospero it is a mere foible, visible in his somewhat pedantic manner to his daughter, his susceptibility when she does not give him sufficient attention, though knowing that he has himself caused her drowsiness, and his tartness toward Ariel. One can imagine how a tamed and civilised Caliban might contrive to stir up the populace against him, though this is not M. Renan's idea.

MIRANDA

COLERIDGE (*Lit. Rem.* II, 154). With love, pure love, there is always an anxiety for the safety of the object, a disinterestedness by which it is distinguished from the counterfeits of its name. Compare *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II, Scene II, with *The Tempest*, III, 1. I do not know a more wonderful instance of Shakespeare's mastery, in playing a distinctly rememberable variation on the same remembered air, than in the transporting love confessions of Romeo and Juliet and Ferdinand and Miranda. There seems more passion in the one, and more dignity in the other, yet you feel that the sweet, girlish lingering and busy movement of Juliet, and the calmer and more maidenly fondness of Miranda, might easily pass into each other.

Mrs JAMESON (*Characteristics of Women*, ed. II, 1833, I, 280). We might have deemed it impossible to go beyond Viola, Perdita, and Ophelia as pictures of feminine beauty, to exceed the one in tender delicacy, the other in ideal grace, and the last in simplicity, if Shakespeare had not done this, and he alone could have done it. Had he never created a Miranda, we should never have been made to feel how completely the purely natural and the purely ideal can blend into each other.

The character of Miranda resolves itself into the very elements of womanhood. She is beautiful, modest, and tender, and she is these only, they comprise her whole being, external and internal. She is so perfectly unsophisticated, so delicately refined, that she is all but ethereal. Let us imagine any other woman placed beside Miranda—even one of Shakespeare's own loveliest and sweetest creations—there is not one of them that could sustain the comparison for a moment, not one that would not appear somewhat coarse or artificial when brought into immediate contact with this pure child of nature, this 'Eve of an enchanted Paradise.'

What, then, has Shakespeare done?—'O wondrous skill and sweet wit of the 'man'!—he has removed Miranda far from all comparison with her own sex, he has placed her between the demi-demon of earth and the delicate spirit of air. The next step is into the ideal and supernatural, and the only being who approaches Miranda, with whom she can be contrasted, is Ariel. Beside the subtle essence of this ethereal sprite, this creature of elemental light and air, that 'ran upon the winds, rode the 'curl'd clouds, and in the colours of the rainbow lived,' Miranda herself appears a palpable reality, a woman, 'breathing thoughtful breath,' a woman, walking the earth in her mortal loveliness, with a heart as frail-strung, as passion touched, as ever fluttered in a female bosom.

I have said that Miranda possesses merely the elementary attributes of womanhood, but each of these stands in her with a distinct and peculiar grace. She resembles nothing upon earth, but do we therefore compare her, in our own minds, with any of those fabled beings with which the fancy of ancient poets peopled the forest depths, the fountain, or the ocean?—oread or dryad fleet, sea-maid, or naiad of the stream? We cannot think of them together. Miranda is a consistent, natural, human being. Our impression of her nymph-like beauty, her peerless grace, and purity of soul has a distinct and individual character. Not only is she exquisitely lovely, being what she is, but we are made to feel that she *could* not possibly be otherwise than as she is portrayed. She has never beheld one of her own sex, she has never caught from society one imitated or artificial grace. The impulses which have come to her, in her enchanted solitude, are of heaven and nature, not of the world and its vanities. She has sprung up into beauty beneath the eye of her father, the princely magician, her companions have been the rocks and woods, the many-shaped, many-tinted clouds, and the silent stars; her playmates the ocean billows, that stooped their foamy crests, and ran rippling to kiss her feet. Ariel and his attendant sprites hovered over her head, ministered duteous to her every wish, and presented before her pageants of beauty and grandeur. The very air, made vocal by her father's art, floated in music around her. If we can presuppose such a situation with all its circumstances, do we not behold in the character of Miranda not only the credible, but the natural, the necessary results of such a situation? She retains her woman's heart, for that is unalterable and inalienable, as a part of her being, but her deportment, her looks, her language, her thoughts,—all these, from the supernatural and poetical circumstances around her, assume a cast of the pure ideal, and to us, who are in the secret of her human and pitying nature, nothing can be more charming and consistent than the effect which she produces upon others, who, never having beheld anything resembling her, approach her as 'a wonder,' as something celestial. 'Most sure, the goddess 'on whom these airs attend.' And again—'What is this maid? Is she the goddess 'who hath severed us, And brought us thus together?'

Contrasted with the impression of her refined and dignified beauty, and its effect on all beholders, is Miranda's own soft simplicity, her virgin innocence, her total

ignorance of the conventional forms and language of society. It is most natural that in a being thus constituted, the first tears should spring from compassion, 'suffering with those that she saw suffer', and that her first sigh should be offered to a love at once fearless and submissive, delicate and fond. She has no taught scruples of honour like Juliet, no coy concealments like Viola, no assumed dignity standing in its own defence. Her bashfulness is less a quality than an instinct, it is like the self-folding of a flower, spontaneous and unconscious. I suppose there is nothing of the kind in poetry equal to the scene between Ferdinand and Miranda. In Ferdinand, who is a noble creature, we have all the chivalrous magnanimity with which man, in a high state of civilization, disguises his real superiority, and does humble homage to the being of whose destiny he disposes, while Miranda, the mere child of nature, is struck with wonder at her own new emotions. Only conscious of her own weakness as a woman, and ignorant of those usages of society which teach us to dissemble the real passion, and assume (and sometimes abuse) an unreal and transient power, she is equally ready to place her life, her love, her service beneath his feet.

[P 291.] As Miranda, being what she is, could only have had a Ferdinand for a lover, and an Ariel for her attendant, so she could have had with propriety no other father than the majestic and gifted being who fondly claims her as 'a thread of his own life—nay, that for which he lives'. Prospero, with his magical powers, his superhuman wisdom, his moral worth and grandeur, and his kingly dignity, is one of the most sublime visions that ever swept with ample robes, pale brow, and sceptred hand before the eye of fancy. He controls the invisible world, and works through the agency of spirits, not by any evil and forbidden compact, but solely by superior might of intellect—by potent spells gathered from the lore of ages, and abjured when he mingles again as a man with his fellow-men. He is as distinct a being from the necromancers and astrologers celebrated in Shakespeare's age as can well be imagined; and all the wizards of poetry and fiction, even Faust and St. Leon, sink into commonplaces before the princely, the philosophic, the benevolent Prospero.—The characters [Juliet, Helena, Perdita, Viola, Ophelia, Miranda] which I have here classed together as principally distinguished by the predominance of passion and fancy, appear to me to rise in the scale of ideality and simplicity from Juliet to Miranda, the last being in comparison so refined, so elevated above all stain of earth, that we can only acknowledge her in connection with it through the emotions of sympathy she feels and inspires.

HEINE (*Shakespeare's Mädchen und Frauen*, 1839, Philadelphia ed p 345) Ay, truth is forever the badge of Shakespearian love, in whatsoever shape it appear, be it called Miranda, or Juliet, or even Cleopatra.—Albeit I have mentioned these names more by accident than by design, yet it occurs to me that they, too, represent the three most significant types of love. Miranda is representative of a love which, without historic influence, can develop its highest ideality, like a flower in a virgin soil which only fairy feet may tread. The songs of Ariel have moulded her heart, and sensuality never appeared to her but in the revolting, hateful shape of a Caliban. The love, therefore, which Ferdinand inspires, is not merely naïve but of a holy sincerity, of a primeval purity verging on the awesome. Juliet's love, like her times and surroundings, bears a more romantic, mediæval character, hinting of the renaissance, its glow is dazzling like the palace of the Scalieri, and strong withal like the noble clans of Lombardy, who, rejuvenated by Germanic blood, loved as vehemently as they hated. Juliet represents the love of a youthful period, rude, indeed, but of uncontaminated

health She is permeated with the sensual glow and the strong faith of such a time, and even the chill of the charnel-house can neither shake her trust nor cool her ardour But ah, this Cleopatra of ours,—she represents a civilisation already out of joint, a time when beauty has withered, when the locks, albeit curled by every art, anointed with every perfume, are shot with many a grey hair, a time when the cup, the lower it gets, the more eagerly it is drained This love is without faith or fidelity, but none the less wild and glowing In angry consciousness that this glow is inextinguishable, the impatient woman adds more oil and plunges like a bacchante into the blazing flames Cowardly is she, and yet hurried on by her own destructiveness. Love is always a kind of frenzy, more or less beautiful, but with this Egyptian queen, it mounts to the most shuddering madness This love is a mad comet which, storming across the heavens in the most unprecedented orbit with its flaming train, terrifies the stars in its path, where it does not harm them, and at last miserably collapsing disappears, like a rocket, in a thousand sparks Ay, fair Cleopatra, like a fearsome comet wert thou, and not alone for thine own destruction didst thou glow, but for all thy fellows didst thou bode harm In Anthony's downfall, old heroic Rome came to a lamentable end.—But to what shall I compare you, Juliet and Miranda? Again I look up to the heavens and there seek your image Perchance it lies behind the stars, where my gaze cannot penetrate Perhaps if the glowing sun should have the mildness of the moon, I could compare it, Juliet, to thee! If the gentle moon should e'en have the ardour of the sun, I would compare it, Miranda, to thee!

HENRY GILES (*Human Life in Shakespeare*, 1868, p 135) Idealism is an evident characteristic of all the women in Shakespeare that poetically interest our feelings and imagination But in some it is so luminous as to form a nimbus in which they always appear to our memory and fancy Miranda is the first of this order She has dwelt alone, from her infancy, with her father on a desert island compassed by ocean and the heavens, and thus she has lived, fearless and delighted, in the midst of mystery and beauty Quiet in the soul-sleep of innocence, trustful in her father's care and power, she has dread of nothing The spirits of air are her ministers, the brutes of earth are meek to her, and even Caliban bends to her service But clouds gather in the sky, winds rush upon the sea, with the storm comes her prince, and with the prince comes love The visionary world is broken into by the actual, realities intrude on fancies, and out of dreams she merges into passion Now this,—a fable in outward fact,—is a truth in the inward life The actual, natural, genuine maiden *does* dwell much alone Her life is an island full of enchantments, girded by immensity In her intercourse with nature she sees, and hears, and feels the wonderful and the lovely, filial affections are in her heart, the graces and charities of maidenhood are in her manners When this calm of unconsciousness must end,—when the trouble darkens, out of which impassioned hopes are born,—when the prince of her affections comes to her in the storm, she arises in the royalty of womanhood to meet him If no prince should come, or if he who does come should not be a prince or princely, *she* will yet be queenly in her own womanly right, and by her own womanly nature

Mrs F A KEMBLE (*Notes, &c*, 1882, p 155) I would suggest to the reader's consideration the curious felicity of the scene, where Ferdinand and Miranda acknowledge their affection to each other I mean in the harmonious contrast between a young

prince, bred in a Court, himself the centre of a sphere of the most artificial civilisation, and a girl, not only without any knowledge of the world and society, but even without previous knowledge of the existence of any created man but her father and Caliban—Brought up in all but utter solitude, under no influence but that of her wise and loving father on earth and her wise and loving Father in Heaven, Miranda exhibits no more coyness in her acceptance of Ferdinand's overtures than properly belongs to the instinctive modesty of her sex, unenhanced by any of the petty, pretty arts of coquetry and assumed shyness, which are the express result of artificial female training. The simple emotion of bashfulness, indeed, which (in spite of her half astonished, half-delighted exclamation—'Do you love me?' that elicits her lover's passionate declaration) causes her to 'weep at what she's glad of,' is so little comprehensible to herself, that she shakes it off with something like self-reproach as an involuntary disingenuousness. 'Hence, bashful *cunning*,' and then with that most pathetic and exquisite invocation to 'plain and holy innocence,' offers her life to her lover with the perfect devotion and humility of the true womanly nature. In the purity and simplicity of this 'tender of affection,' Ferdinand made acquaintance with a species of modesty to which assuredly none of those ladies of the Court of Naples, 'whom he 'had eyed with best regard,' had ever introduced him, and indeed to them Miranda's proceeding might very probably have appeared highly unladylike, as I have heard it pronounced more than once by — ladies. The young prince, however, was probably himself surprised for a little while into a sphere of earnest sincerity as different from the artificial gallantry with which he had encountered the former objects of his affection as the severe manual labour he was undergoing for the sake of Miranda was different from the inflated offers of service, and professions of slavery, which were the jargon of civilised courtesy, that species of language which Olivia reproves when she says, 'twas never merry world Since lowly feigning was called 'compliment'—The transparent simplicity and sweet solemnity of the girl's confession of love could not but awaken an almost religious sense of honour and tenderness in the young man's soul, and though his Neapolitan Court vocabulary speaks a little in the 'admired Miranda, Indeed the top of admiration,' the 'I 'Beyond all limit of what else i' the world Do love, prize, honour you,' is love's true utterance, as free from sophistication as the girl's own guileless challenge—It is not a little edifying to reflect how different Prospero's treatment of these young people's case would have been if, instead of only the most extraordinary of conjurers, he had been the most commonplace of scheming matrons of the present day. He, poor man, alarmed at the sudden conquest Ferdinand makes of his child, and perceiving that he must 'this swift business uneasy make, lest too light winning make 'the prize light,' can bethink himself of no better expedient than reducing the poor young prince into a sort of supplementary Caliban, a hewer of wood and drawer of water—now, a modern chaperon would merely have had to intimate to a well-trained modern young lady, that it would be as well not to give the young gentleman too much encouragement till his pretensions to the throne of Naples could really be made out (his straying about without any Duke of Newcastle, and very wet, was a good deal like a mere adventurer, you know), and I am pretty certain that the judicious mamma or female guardian of Miss Penelope Smith, the fair British Islander who became Princess of Capua, pursued no other system of provocation by repression. An expert matrimonial schemer of the present day, I say, would have devised by these means a species of trial by torture for poor Ferdinand, to which his 'sweating labour' as Prospero's patient log man would have been luxurious idleness.—But

Prospero was after all a mere man, and knew no better than to bring up Miranda to speak the truth, and the fair child had been so holily trained by him, that her surrender of herself to the man she loves is so little feminine after the approved feminine fashion that it is simply angelic—That Shakespeare, who indeed knew all things, knew very well the difference between such a creature as Miranda and a well-brought-up young lady, is plain enough, when he makes poor Juliet, after her passionate confession of love made to the stars and overheard by Romeo, apologise to him with quite pathetic mortification for not having been more 'strange' She regrets extremely her unqualified expressions of affection,—assures Romeo that nothing would have induced her to have spoken the truth if she had only known he had heard her, and even offers, if it can be the least satisfaction to him, and redeem what she may have lost in his esteem by her frankness, to 'frown and be perverse and say him 'nay,'—and, in short, has evidently shocked her own conventional prejudices quite as much as she fears she has his, by not having had a chance of playing a thousand fantastical tricks about a passion which is thenceforth to govern her life, and give her over to her early death But then Juliet was the flower of Veronese young ladies, and her good mother and gossiping nurse were not likely to have neglected her education to the tune of letting her speak the truth without due preparation Miranda is to be excused as a savage,—probably Ferdinand thought her excusable

ANON (*Shakespeare's Garden of Girls*, 1885, p 264) It is with men rather than women that Miranda is so great a favorite Few women can understand her, and fewer still believe in her And why? Because she is not sufficiently of the earth, earthy Not that I attach any base ideas to the epithet earthy, for the earth is the mother of all good Miranda is one of those strange beings who are best understood by those who least resemble her—We cannot judge fairly of those who stand in the same line with ourselves, for we can only obtain a sidelong glance at them. But of altogether opposite natures we can make a complete survey, view them from behind and before, and take their measure justly Therefore, I maintain that Miranda is better understood by the opposite sex, and is more appreciated by men than by women [P 270] Juliet, when she imagined all in the house were safe in bed, crept out into the still, warm, summer air to tell her bosom's secret to the listening breeze, and found a listening lover Miranda, as soon as she thinks her father is hard at study, strays instinctively towards the spot where she is likely to meet Ferdinand. Love teaches her guile, but it is guile of a very harmless kind, and we can only smile complacently, as, no doubt, the old man, Prospero, did, at the young girl stealing away, unperceived, as she imagines, to the object of her heart's newly-aroused devotion—There would be a little fluttering of conscience at the clandestine interview But even good and pure Miranda must dissemble a little when love assumes his sway, and she forgets her father's command when she reveals her name

DR GARNETT (*Irving Shakespeare*, 1890, p 187) If Prospero is imperfect, Miranda is perfection, with the abatement only that we see her in a peculiar and limited set of circumstances, and must take her on trust for the rest She is not a Cordelia or an Imogen, so tried in the fire as to justify the confidence that she could not possibly come short in any circumstance of life She is rather a Perdita, 'a wave of the 'sea,' caught and shown for an instant in so exquisitely graceful an attitude that we are only too thankful to be sure that 'she will ever do nothing but that' In some respects this pair of heroines are the most wonderful of all Shakespeare's women, for

nowhere else is such an effect obtained with so little apparent effort. Mere outlinings produce the impression of elaborate paintings, and that seems the freest exuberance of the most careless genius which is in reality the reward of the profoundest study and severest toil. It would be far easier to create or copy a *Lady Macbeth* than a *Miranda*. It is amazing with how few speeches and how little action this effect is produced. Certain it is that when *Miranda* offers to carry the logs for *Ferdinand* she seems to put all the grace and lovingness of womankind into that single act, and that no one ever stumbled at her frank surrender to, or rather, appropriation of, a prince whom she has hardly seen.—What volumes it speaks for Shakespeare's freshness of heart that *Imogen*, *Perdita*, and *Miranda* should be the last creations of the veteran dramatist!—The other human personages do not require much notice. Being Shakespeare's, they are exactly what they ought to be, but, unless *Gonzalo* be excepted, they have no other office than that of necessary wheels in the mechanism of the piece. *Ferdinand* is a gallant young lover, rewarded beyond his deserts as lovers sometimes are, and as his prototype was expected to suppose himself. *Alonso's* grief and remorse are conveyed with all the power of which a cheerful subject admitted

ARIEL

COLERIDGE (*Seven Lectures*, &c, 118) If a doubt could ever be entertained whether Shakespeare was a great poet, acting upon laws arising out of his own nature, and not without law, as has been sometimes idly asserted, that doubt must be removed by the character of Ariel. The very first words uttered by this being introduce the spirit, not as an angel, above man, not a gnome, or a fiend, below man, but while the poet gives him the faculties and the advantages of reason, he divests him of all mortal character, not positively, it is true, but negatively. In air he lives, from air he derives his being, in air he acts, and all his colours and properties seem to have been obtained from the rainbow and the skies. There is nothing about Ariel that cannot be conceived to exist either at sun-rise or at sun-set, hence all that belongs to Ariel belongs to the delight the mind is capable of receiving from the most lovely external appearances. His answers to *Prospero* are directly to the question, and nothing beyond, or where he expatiates, which is not unfrequently, it is to himself and upon his own delights, or upon the unnatural situation in which he is placed, though under a kindly power and to good ends.—Shakespeare has properly made Ariel's very first speech characteristic of him. After he has described the manner in which he had raised the storm and produced its harmless consequences, we find that Ariel is discontented,—that he has been freed, it is true, from a cruel confinement, but still that he is bound to obey *Prospero* and to execute any commands imposed upon him. We feel that such a state of bondage is almost unnatural to him, yet we see that it is delightful for him to be so employed.—It is as if we were to command one of the winds in a different direction to that which nature dictates, or one of the waves, now rising and now sinking, to recede before it bursts upon the shore such is the feeling we experience when we learn that a being like Ariel is commanded to fulfil any mortal behest.—When, however, Shakespeare contrasts the treatment of Ariel by *Prospero* with that of *Sycorax*, we are sensible that the liberated spirit ought to be grateful, and Ariel does feel and acknowledge the obligation, he immediately assumes the airy being, with a mind so elastically correspondent, that when once a feeling has passed from it, not a trace is left behind.—Is there any thing in nature

from which Shakespeare caught the idea of this delicate and delightful being, with such child-like simplicity, yet with such preternatural powers? He is born neither of heaven nor of earth, but, as it were, between both, like a May blossom kept suspended in air by the fanning breeze, which prevents it from falling to the ground, and only finally, and by compulsion, touching the earth. This reluctance of the Sylph to be under the command even of Prospero is kept up through the whole play, and in the exercise of his admirable judgement Shakespeare has availed himself of it, in order to give Ariel an interest in the event, looking forward to that moment when he was to gain his last and only reward—simple and eternal liberty.

SCHLEGEL (p. 180). In the zephyr-like Ariel the image of air is not to be mistaken, . . . as, on the other hand, Caliban signifies the heavy element of earth. Yet they are neither of them allegorical personifications, but beings individually determined. In general we find in *The Midsummer Night's Dream*, in *The Tempest* in the magical part of *Macbeth*, and wherever Shakespeare avails himself of the popular belief in the invisible presence of spirits and the possibility of coming in contact with them, a profound view of the inward life of Nature and her mysterious springs, which, it is true, ought never to be altogether unknown to the genuine poet, as poetry is altogether incompatible with mechanical physics, but which few have possessed in equal degree with Dante and himself.

FRANZ HORN (*Shakespeare's Schauspiele Erläutert*, 1823, II, 110). As a contrast to Caliban we have Ariel, but by no means a purely ethereal, expressionless angel, rather a genuine spirit of air and of pleasure, graceful and free-thoughted, but light withal, mischievous, and at times a wee bit naughty. He owes to Prospero his deliverance from the most confined of all confined situations, but gratitude is no merely natural virtue (we might almost add that it is not an atmospheric virtue). Accordingly, almost like a human being, he has, not infrequently, to be reminded of it and kept in check. Only when promised to be set free in two days is his amiability restored, and does he take pleasure in carrying out his master's plans, with delightful skill, at one time as a sea-nymph, at another as the stage-manager of a masque, and as an actor, or as a harpy, &c.—We referred just now to expressionless angels, and no explicit hint is needed as to where they are to be found, for no one can deny that these immortal winged ones (so charming in many an old German painting), with their cumbrous immortal harps, and, if possible, even more immortal hallelujahs, occasion in the works of many a poet a no less immortal weariness. Shakespeare never falls into this error, and it is a delight to observe in what manifold and sure ways he always deals with the wonderful. In *The Tempest* he attains his end by the simplest means, representing nature, and indeed truly, as the greatest of wonders. In the gentlest of ways he has led us to the faith that Prospero, through his higher power, is able to command nature,—and how willingly do we put faith in this higher power in man!—thus all other wonders become perfectly natural, and, to a certain extent, mere trifles, which we see with pleasure play around us. That higher power does not by any means reside in Prospero only. Ferdinand and Miranda, without any visible magician's wand or any special preparation, are an overmatch to the wonders of nature, in which they take pleasure merely as in some delightful comedy, for the supreme wonder is in their own bosoms. Love, purely human, and, therefore, divine.

SKOTTOWF (*Life of Sh.* &c. 1824, II, 315). The most decisive instance of the

pre-eminence of Prospero as a magician is the obedience of Ariel. The necromancer of ordinary acquirements domineered over inferior spirits, the more skilful, over invisible beings of a more exalted nature, but that artist, alone, whose powerful genius had led him triumphant through the whole range of human science, could aspire to the control of spirits resident in the highest regions of spiritual existence. Of this order is Ariel, and Shakespeare has somewhat overstrained the privilege which, as a superior spirit, he enjoyed, by releasing him from all restrictions upon the time of his appearance. The approach of day was the signal for the departure of all spirits, the most wicked disappearing first, and the least criminal lingering till dawn, and even daylight itself, appeared. Ariel was entitled to protract his stay to the latest possible period allowed, but all spirits were more or less guilty of the rebellion for which they were banished heaven, and, as a guilty thing, the performance of all his labours between two and six o'clock in the afternoon, to which they are specifically fixed, is inadmissible.

In *Notes and Queries* (3d Ser vol iv, p 44, 1863) CUTHBERT BEDE (Rev Edw Bradley) reproduced, in part, an early play-bill, wherein, as Miss Kemble, the future Mrs Siddons took the part of Ariel. The young actress was but twelve years old, and had probably appeared on the stage many times before, there exists, however, only one earlier play-bill, I believe (see *The Kembles*, by Fitzgerald, i, 21), in which her name appears among the *Dramatis Personæ*, but in the present bill she appears for the first time in a Shakespearian character. 'At that time, 1767,' says Cuthbert Bede, 'the managers of country theatres were driven to various ingenious expedients in order to evade those penalties upon unlicensed play-houses threatened by Sir Robert Walpole's "Golden Rump" Act of 1737, and they usually advertised and charged for a concert in which a dramatic performance could be introduced *gratis*. I copy as much of the bill as relates to the play and the Kembles

"Worcester, April 16th, 1767

"MR KEMBLE'S Company of Comedians

"At the THEATRE at the KING'S HEAD, on Monday evening next, will be performed a CONCERT OF MUSICK, to begin at exactly half-an-hour after six o'clock. Tickets to be had at the usual places. Between the parts of the Concert will be presented, gratis, a celebrated COMEDY call'd

The TEMPEST, or the Enchanted Island

(As altered from Shakespeare by Mr Dryden and Sir W D'Avenant)

With all the Scenery, Machinery, Musick, Monsters, and other Decorations proper to the piece, entirely new

Alonzo (Duke of Mantua), Mr Kemble;

Hyppolito (a youth who never saw a woman), Mr Siddons,

Stephano (Master of the Duke's Ship), Mr Kemble;

Amphitrite, by Mrs Kemble,

Ariel (the Chief Spirit), by Miss Kemble,

and Milcha, by Miss F Kemble

The Performance will open with a Representation of a Tempestuous Sea (in perpetual agitation) and Storm, in which the Usurper's Ship is Wreck'd, the Wreck ends with a Beautiful Shower of Fire—And the whole to conclude with a CALM SEA, on which appears Neptune, Poetic God of the Ocean, and his Royal Consort Amphitrite, in a Chariot drawn by Seaborses, accompanied with Mermaids, Tritons &c."

And it was in this fashion that *The Tempest* was produced by Mr Kemble, twenty two years later than this, at Drury Lane Theatre'

SIR EDWARD STRACHEY (*Quarterly Review*, July, 1890, p 120) Let us notice the contrast between the man and the spirit who 'is but air,' and so cannot pretend to more than a transient and, as it were, reflected, touch of human tenderness and pity This contrast, not only here, but throughout the Play, may remind us of Fouqué's beautiful conception of Undine, the elemental spirit into whom a human soul is infused through marriage Fouqué must have been possessed by the same idea as Shakespeare as to these elemental spirits, and each does but embody in his own poetic form an idea which is to be found at the bottom of the Greek tales of nymphs, and satyrs, and hamadryads, and of the mediæval traditions of elves, and fairies, and water-sprites Looking at them from this point of view, we see that Fouqué and Shakespeare throw each much light on the other's mode of treating the subject, and so on the subject itself But for our present purpose the contrast is even more important than the resemblance, for it shows us the higher genius, the more thorough mastery of the laws of nature and life, in Shakespeare's creation Fouqué would have made Ariel a female spirit becoming Miranda by the power of love, and marriage to Ferdinand, but how much finer, because truer, is Shakespeare's Miranda, a real and complete woman from first to last' Fouqué's conception is indeed very charming, but wants the reality of Shakespeare's, without surpassing it in poetic ideality Yes, they do not least appreciate and enjoy the presence of Ariel who are most content that he should vanish at last into thin air, leaving us with common mortals in the common light of day, and among the common thoughts,—common, yet solemn even to sadness,—with which the Play concludes Prospero represents the poet in the exercise of his art, infusing a new life of poetry and romance into all nature, yet who feels more deeply, who declares more plainly, than Prospero, that the time must come to every one, when not only does each glorious vision fade into the light of common day, but that light itself sinks into dusk and darkness The romantic and the poetic cannot sustain the actual, but, having first themselves died out, leave this to perish too

CALIBAN

DRYDEN (*Preface to Tro and Cress* 1679) To return once more to Shakespear, no man ever drew so many characters, or generally distinguished 'em better from one another, excepting only *Johnson* I will instance but in one, to show the copiousness of his invention, 'tis that of *Caliban*, or the monster in *The Tempest* He seems there to have created a person which was not in Nature, a boldness which at first sight would appear intolerable, for he makes him a species of himself, begotten by an *Incubus* on a Witch, but this, as I have elsewhere prov'd, is not wholly beyond the bounds of credibility, at least the vulgar stile believe it We have the separated notions of a spirit and of a witch, (and spirits, according to *Plato*, are vested with a subtil body, according to some of his followers, have different sexes) therefore as from the distinct apprehensions of a horse, and of a man, Imagination has form'd a *Centaur*, so from those of an *Incubus* and a *Sorceress*, *Shakespear* has produc'd his Monster Whether or no his generation can be defended, I leave to *Philosophy*, but of this I am certain, the Poet has most judiciously furnish'd him with a person a

language, and a character which will suit him both by Father's and Mother's side he has all the discontents and malice of a Witch, and of a Devil, besides a convenient proportion of the deadly sins, Gluttony, Sloth, and Lust, are manifest, the dejectness of a slave is likewise given him, and the ignorance of one bred up in a Desert Island. His person is monstrous, as he is the product of unnatural lust, and his language is as hobgoblin as his person, in all things he is distinguish'd from other mortals.

COLERIDGE (*Seven Lectures*, 121) The character of Caliban is wonderfully conceived, he is a sort of creature of the earth, as Ariel is a sort of creature of the air. He partakes of the qualities of the brute, but is distinguished from brutes in two ways —by having mere understanding without moral reason, and by not having the instincts which pertain to absolute animals. Still, Caliban is, in some respects a noble being, the poet has raised him far above contempt, he is a man in the sense of the imagination, all the images he uses are drawn from Nature and are highly poetical, they fit in with the images of Ariel. Caliban gives us images from the earth, Ariel images from the air. Caliban talks of the difficulty of finding fresh water, of the situation of morasses, and of other circumstances which even brute instinct, without reason, could comprehend. No mean figure is employed, no mean passion displayed beyond animal passion and repugnance to command.

A. W. SCHLEGEL (*Lectures on Dram. Literature*, trans. by John Black, 1815, II, 179) Caliban has become a by-word as the strange creation of a poetical imagination. A mixture of the gnome and the savage, half demon, half brute, in his behaviour we perceive at once the traces of his native disposition and the influence of Prospero's education. The latter could only unfold his understanding, without, in the slightest degree, taming his rooted malignity. It is as if the use of reason and human speech should be communicated to a stupid ape. Caliban is malicious, cowardly, false, and base in his inclinations, and yet he is essentially different from the vulgar knaves of a civilized world, as they are occasionally portrayed by Shakespeare. He is rude, but not vulgar, he never falls into the prosaic and low familiarity of his drunken associates, for he is a poetical being in his way, he always speaks in verse. He has picked up everything dissonant and thorny in language, out of which he has composed his vocabulary, and of the whole variety of nature, the hateful, repulsive, and pettily deformed have alone been impressed on his imagination. The magical world of spirits, which the staff of Prospero has assembled on the island, casts merely a faint reflection into his mind, as a ray of light which falls into a dark cave, incapable of communicating to it either heat or illumination, serves merely to put in motion the poisonous vapours. The whole delineation of this monster is inconceivably consistent and profound, and, notwithstanding its hatefulness, by no means hurtful to our feelings, as the honour of human nature is left untouched.

LAMB (*Sanity of True Genius, Works*, II, 452, ed. 1870) Where Shakespeare seems most to recede from humanity he will be found the truest to it. From beyond the scope of Nature if he summon possible existences, he subjugates them to the law of her consistency. He is beautifully loyal to that sovereign directress, even when he appears most to betray and desert her. His ideal tribes submit to policy, his very monsters are tamed to his hand, even as that wild sea-brood, shepherded by Proteus he tames, and he clothes them with attributes of flesh and blood, till they wonder at

themselves, like Indian Islanders forced to submit to European vesture Caliban, the Witches, are as true to the laws of their own nature (ours with a difference) as Othello, Hamlet, and Macbeth Herein the great and the little wits are differenced, —that if the latter wander ever so little from Nature or actual existence, they lose themselves and their readers Their phantoms are lawless, their visions nightmares They do not create, which implies shaping and consistency Their imaginations are not active, for to be active is to call something into act and form, but passive, as men in sick dreams For the super-natural, or something super-added to what we know of Nature, they give you the plainly non-natural

WILLIAM HAZLITT (*Characters of Shakespear's Plays*, 1817, p 118) The character of Caliban is generally thought (and justly so) to be one of the author's masterpieces It is not indeed pleasant to see this character on the stage, any more than it is to see the god Pan personated there But in itself it is one of the wildest and most abstracted of all Shakespear's characters, whose deformity, whether of body or mind, is redeemed by the power and truth of the imagination displayed in it It is the essence of grossness, but there is not a particle of vulgarity in it Shakespear has described the brutal mind of Caliban, in contact with the pure and original forms of Nature, the character grows out of the soil where it is rooted, uncontrolled, uncouth, and wild, uncramped by any of the meannesses of custom It is 'of the earth, earthy' It seems almost to have been dug out of the ground, with a soul instinctively superadded to it, answering to its wants and origin Vulgarity is not natural coarseness, but conventional coarseness, learned from others, contrary to, or without an entire conformity of natural power and disposition, as fashion is the common-place affectation of what is elegant and refined without any feeling of the essence of it — P 120 Master Barnardine, in *Measure for Measure*, the savage of civilised life, is an admirable philosophical counterpart to Caliban

SKOTTOWE (II, 325) Yet it admits of question, whether the portrait of Caliban be a perfect and harmonious whole Whence, it may be asked, did Caliban obtain such skill in the accurate and even familiar use of words not necessary to the expression of common ideas? Whence his clear notions of the relative situations of the governor and the governed? Could all the skill and diligence of Prospero have imbued his mind with the knowledge he evinces? Of explaining to the 'poisonous slave,' his indisputable right to the dominion of the island under the double claim of inheritance and possession, his able master will not even be suspected

In 1873, Dr DANIEL WILSON, Professor of English Literature in University College, Toronto, published a book called *Caliban The Missing Link* 'The missing link,' refers to that gap, not alone in Darwin's theory, but in any theory, of evolution, which exists between highest ape and the lowest savage, and Dr Wilson's purpose is, as he states in his Preface, p xi, to shew that Shakespeare's 'genius had already created' for us the ideal of that imaginary, intermediate being, between the true brute and 'man, which, if the new theory of descent from crudest animal organisms be true, 'was our predecessor and precursor in the inheritance of this world of humanity' We have in *The Tempest* a being which is "a beast, no more," and yet is endowed 'with speech and reason up to the highest ideal of the capacity of its lower nature' However charming the theory of the origin of species may be, 'all is vain, unless the

'whole hypothesis of the descent of man, the evolution of mind, and every step in the pedigree by which he is traced back to the remotest of his new-found ancestry, 'be accepted as an indisputable fact'—p 7 'The not wholly irrational brute, the animal approximating in form and attributes as nearly to man as the lower animal may be supposed to do while still remaining a brute, has actually been conceived for us with all the perfection of an art more real and suggestive than that of the chisel of Phidias, in one of the most original creations of the Shakespearian drama'—p 9 'There was obviously something marine or fish-like in the aspect of the island monster "In the dim obscurity of the past," says Darwin, "we can see that the early progenitor of all the vertebrates must have been an aquatic animal", in its earliest stages "more like the larvæ of the marine Ascidians than any other known form," but destined in process of time, through lancelet, ganoid, and other hundred transitions, to "suffer a sea-change Into something rich and strange" In Caliban there was undesignedly embodied, seemingly, an ideal of the latest stages of such an evolution'—p 73 'In reality, though by some scaly or fin-like appendages, the idea of a fish or sea-monster is suggested to all, the form of Caliban is, nevertheless, essentially human'—p 75 'Caliban is, therefore, to all appearance 'in his twenty-fifth year [Ariel was imprisoned a 'dozen years' when Prospero arrived on the island, and that was 'twelve years' before the opening of the play] 'as we catch a first-glimpse of this pre-Darwinian realisation of the intermediate link between brute and man We may conceive of the huge canine teeth and prognathous jaws which in old age assume such prominence in the higher quadrumana Darwin claims for the bonnet monkey "the forehead which gives to man his noble and intellectual appearance", and it is obvious that it was not wanting in Caliban, for when he discovers the true quality of the drunken fools he has mistaken for gods, his remonstrance is, "we shall all be turned to apes with foreheads villainous low" Here then is the highest development of "the beast that wants discourse of reason" He has attained to all the maturity his nature admits of, and so is perfect as the study of a living creature distinct from, yet next in order below the level of, humanity'—p 78 'Caliban is not a brutalised, but a natural brute mind He is a being in whom the moral instincts of man have no part, but also in whom the degradation of savage humanity is equally wanting He is a novel anthropoid of a high type,—such as on the hypothesis of evolution must have existed intermediately between the ape and man,—in whom some spark of rational intelligence has been enkindled, under the tutorship of one who has already mastered the secrets of nature'—p 79 'Prospero describes the pity with which he at first regarded the poor monster, whose brutish gabble he had trained to the intelligent speech which is now used for curses In all this do we not realise the ideal anthropoid in the highest stage of Siamese evolution, stroked and made much of, like a favourite dog, fed with dainties, and at length taught to frame his brute cries into words by which his wishes could find intelligible utterance? But the intellectual development compasses, at the utmost, a very narrow range'—p 86 'Caliban seems indeed the half-human link between the brute and man, and realises, as no degraded Bushman or Australian savage can do, a conceivable intermediate stage of the anthropomorphous existence, as far above the most highly organised ape as it falls short of rational humanity. He excites a sympathy such as no degraded savage could We feel for the poor monster, so helplessly in the power of the stern Prospero, as for some caged wild beast pining in cruel captivity, and rejoice to think of him at last free to range in harmless mastery over his island solitude His is a type of development essen-

ually non human,—though, for the purposes of the drama, endued to an extent altogether beyond the highest attainments of the civilised, domesticated animal, with the exercise of reason and the use of language,—a conceivable civilisation such as 'would, to a certain extent, run parallel to that of man, but could never converge to 'a common centre'—p 90

In two succeeding chapters WILSON treats of Caliban as 'the Metaphysician' and as 'the Theologian,' at times, in lines running parallel to Browning's poem, which is used by way of illustration. Wilson's emendations of the Text of the play have been duly incorporated in the preceding pages of this volume

A. W. WARD (*Hist of Eng Dramatic Literature*, 1875, I, 441) What was the origin of the conception of Caliban? It undoubtedly connects itself with the general idea of the desert island, to which it forms an all but inevitable supplement. But to the influence of such accounts of desert places and their savage inhabitants [as in Eden's *Historye of Travaile*, in Raleigh and in Hakluyt] was added that of a literary tendency of this very age. I refer, of course, to the descriptions of Utopias, inhabited by beings free from the debasing influences of a false civilisation, of which the best known example is Sir Thomas More's *De Optimo reipublice statu deque nova Insula Utopia* (published abroad in Latin in 1516, and in its first English translation in 1551). An Italian *Civitas solus*, by Campanella in 1600, is likewise noted, and the production of this class of works, as is well known, continued to be a favourite exercise of genius and of ingenuity in many later periods of our own literature, indeed, our own generation has had to submit to a revival of this at times rather fatiguing kind of invention. But a more special literary panegyric of the blessings of an uncivilised state of society was in existence in one of the Essays of Montaigne, translated by Florio in 1603. . . . It seems difficult to escape from the conclusion, that Shakspeare intended his monster as a satire incarnate on Montaigne's 'noble savage'

PHILLPOTTS (*The Rugby Edition*, p xvii, 1876) In Caliban we seem to catch an echo of tales told by prisoners on their return from that Algerine captivity which overtook so many a seafarer of the time. Shakespeare transmutes such rude accounts by creating a being who, though fierce and vile in every way, is still penetrated with the spirit of that surrounding nature of which he is a part. Caliban is the very reverse of Ariel. He can feel neither gratitude nor attachment. The only reverence he shows for Prospero is a brutish fear of what he may suffer from a superior being whose motives he imagines to be revenge or mere caprice. The character may have had a special bearing on the great question of a time when we were discovering new countries, subjecting unknown savages, and founding fresh colonies. If Prospero might dispossess Caliban, England might dispossess the aborigines of the colonies.

As another instance of the deep impression on the world of literature which 'son of Sycorax' has made, M. RENAN wrote (in 1878) under the title of *Caliban*, and as a continuation of *The Tempest*, a philosophical drama, which he asks the reader to regard merely 'as the amusement of an ideologist, not as a theory; a fantasy of the imagination, not as a political thesis', its political bearing, however, is manifest throughout, and, although much of it is local and temporary, its fundamental idea will be true until the millennium. It is to be regretted that space will permit of only a brief abstract, anything short of an unabridged translation (of course out of

all question here) would fail to give an adequate idea of the keen, satirical brilliancy of the original

Prospero is represented as having been accompanied by Ariel, Caliban, Gonzalo, and Trinculo to Milan, where he has been reinstated as Duke, but, however faithful he may have been to the promise of breaking his staff and drowning his book, he has evidently provided himself with a new library, and, immersed in secret studies, neglects the duties of government as much as ever. Caliban has the freedom of the cellar, and it is there we first see him, and hear the first mutterings of red republicanism, or perhaps, socialism, whereof eventually he becomes the exponent. His bitterness towards Prospero is intense, his regret endless that he was foiled in his attempt on Prospero's life. 'Here in this new country,' he says, 'I have been promised my liberty. And to this liberty I have a right! Aforetime, I never reflected, but, in this plain of Lombardy, my ideas have bravely expanded. The Rights of Man are absolute. How dare Prospero prevent me from belonging to myself? 'Tis true, he lets me get drunk in his cellar, but is it not the very first crime of princes to humiliate the people by benefits? To wipe out this disgrace at the hands of princes there is but one way to kill them, blood alone can wash out this outrage.' Ariel appears and undertakes to reason with Caliban. 'Why should you revolt?' he asks. 'Where could you be better off than here? The cellar is free to you, and you know the way to it. If free, you would be far less happy.' 'Ay,' responds Caliban, 'but I am worked out (*exploité*). Spiritless valet, can't you see that to be *exploité* by another man is perfectly insupportable? have you no jot of honour? No mortal has a right to degrade another. In such a case, revolt becomes the most holy of duties.' Thus the argument proceeds, Caliban at every step revealing a fresh development in socialistic views, until towards the close there is one penetrating thrust at what socialists term 'the Church.' 'Prospero ruled us by false pretences. He deceived us, and is there anything more humiliating than to be deceived? Those imps that made me tumble into quagmires, those apes that made me frantic by their grimaces, those infuriated cats which bit my legs, they were horrible, and they were not genuine. Aha! you scoundrel, this injury I'll never forgive!' When the people once discover that the superior classes have led them by superstition, you will see what they will do to their ancient masters. This hell with which they terrify us has never existed. These monsters, which gave Prospero his prestige, were imaginary, but they tormented me just as much as if they had been real.'

In the Second Act, Prospero provides a masque for the people of Milan on a vast and most gorgeous scale, but before it takes place, and afterwards, in the various groups of spectators the questions that agitate modern society are discussed, with a ground tone of discontent and with intimations of sedition. In the Third Act the revolution breaks out, and Caliban is in his element. He mingles among the people, says but few words, but each time strikes the key-note to which the dull intelligence of the rabble responds, until at last all break out in cries of 'Vive Caliban! Caliban, chef du peuple!' and Caliban thus harangues them. 'This is not the time to talk. The man who has done you all this wrong is wicked, cunning, indescribable. Our duty is to catch him and to hinder him from further evil. Do not think that this will prove easy. He has under his control, spirits as malicious as himself, especially a damned performer on the pipe and tabor whose tricks are inconceivable. On one occasion I had an opportunity to drive a nail into Prospero's head. I was in the very sweat of the pleasure, puff!—the whole chance was piped away. Dis-trust yourselves, 'tis harder than you suppose. Confide to me the order and the

march of events First of all, we must lay hold of his books—those books of hell, ugh! how I hate them We must take them and burn them Some one else might use them Down with books! They are the worst enemies of the People They who have them, control their fellow-creatures The man who knows Latin, commands other men Down with Latin!"

The upshot of it all is, that the revolution is successful, Caliban is installed in Prospero's palace and the Third Scene of the Third Act, which is, I think, the gem, finds Caliban, alone, at night stretched on Prospero's bed, and he thus soliloquises 'No, I never would have believed that it is so sweet to reign Above all, I never would have believed that by reigning one matured so fast On the trip from the townhall to this palace, I changed more than during all the rest of my life Ten hours have passed since the people brought me here in their arms, and now—I do not recognise myself I was unjust to Prospero, bondage embittered me But, now, lying here in his bed, I judge him as we judge our fellows There was good in him, and, in many respects, I am disposed to imitate him

'What can be more odious, for example, than the inopportune impatience of these people, this endless file of impossible petitions with which they have just overwhelmed me? What greed for enjoyment! what subversive pretensions! They demand of me to extract the nourishment for ten thousand men out of a hog'shead of wheat, and to pour five hundred tankards of wine out of a pint Tell that to the marines, comrades! As for me, my decision is made. I am not to let myself be overridden by men who suppose that, by placing themselves in advance of me, they are going to drag me with them into the abyss A government should resist,—I will resist After all, Institutions and myself have interests in common I also am an Institution,—it is necessary that this should last Property is the ballast of society,—I feel myself in sympathy with property-owners

'And then over and above the useful, there is the ornamental (*l'éclat*) Ornament is necessary Marry, fêtes, the fine arts, palaces, courts are the ornaments of life I will foster artists Literary men shed glory, I must not neglect them Prospero was always talking of the welfare of humanity 'Tis not he who is destined to achieve it Suppose, by chance, it should happen to be I [*He falls asleep*']

Prospero sends Ariel to put to rout the revolutionists, but Ariel returns defeated, bewildered, and dust-defiled Wherever Caliban is supreme, Ariel is powerless; no one listened to his music, his songs were unheard 'Revolution is Realism, in what is visionary, ideal, the People have no faith The People have become Positivists Faith is necessary if our ideal terrors are to be felt What is to be done when the People have become Positivists?'

Prospero having been deposed, the Inquisition steps in and claims him as a prisoner for his free-thinking and sorcery Prospero resists and the Milanese, Caliban's subjects, sustain him 'Eh bien,' says Gonzalo to Prospero, 'you see how it is Caliban has one more good quality still he is anticlerical' 'True,' answers Prospero, and then after a moment's hesitation, '—In exile I shall find the monk everywhere Ma foi, vive Caliban!'

In the Fifth Act, Caliban is seen in all his regal splendour, seated on Prospero's throne and receiving homage. The Inquisition appeals to him to enforce its orders, and in rehearsing Prospero's wickedness reminds Caliban that at one time Prospero had been his mortal enemy 'Ah, no,' Caliban interposes, 'be silent Do not recall those memories to me What has been, is no longer I am here to Prospero's rights, I must defend them Prospero is my protégé It is befitting that he should

'work at his ease, with his philosophers and his artists, under my patronage His works will be the glory of my reign I shall have my share in them I work him' (*Je l'exploite*), 'tis the law of the world'

In the closing scene Prospero gives Ariel his liberty, which is, Ariel says, his 'death *Præus mori quam fœdari* The air has already reclaimed in me that which belongs to it Every idealist will be my lover, every pure soul my sister, I shall be the virgin snow on the bosom of young girls, the glow in the tresses of their hair I shall blossom with the rose, I shall grow green with the myrtle, exhaling perfume with the carnation, pale with the olive Adieu, my master, remember thy 'Ariel' [*Ariel vanishes and a pure, exquisite harmony breathes around Prospero falls senseless The End*]

An edition like the present would be scarcely complete without at least a reference to BROWNING'S *Caliban upon Setebos, or Natural Theology in the Island* The essence of the poem lies in its alternative title, which sets forth the vague questionings of a keenly observant, but utterly untutored, mind in regard to the existence of an overruling power, the problem of evil, the mystery of pain, and the evidences of caprice, rather than of law, in the government of the world,—such restless longings for a solution of the mysteries of life as rise unbidden to the mind when looking on the ocean, at high noon, amid the full tide of summer life

Caliban, who almost uniformly speaks in the third person, is represented as lying, at midday, prone, 'with elbows wide, fists clenched to prop his chin,' near the mouth of his cave, kicking both feet in cool slush, and looking out over the sea, which sunbeams cross and recross He resolves to talk to himself just as he pleases about 'that other, whom his dam called God' Accordingly, he shouts 'Setebos, Setebos, and 'Setebos!' but as there is no response he infers that the god must 'dwell i' the cold o' the moon' And yet that god must have made the sun, (which gives proofs of power,) as well as the clouds, winds, and meteors, but He did not make the stars, they effect nothing, He made, however, 'the sun, this isle, Trees and the fowls here, beast and creeping thing All these He made, and more, Made all we see, and us' But why did He make them and us? It could scarcely have been from spite He would hardly have made what He 'misliked or slighted or was an eye-sore to Him' It must have been in 'envy, littleness, or sport' that He 'made what Himself would 'fain, in a manner, be —Weaker in most points, stronger in a few,' and 'yet mere playthings all the while' Suppose, in a moment of intoxication, I were to wish, says Caliban, that 'I were born a bird', and, being unable to be what I wished, I could make out of clay a live bird, and will it to fly to yon rock-top

'In which feat, if his leg snapped, brittle clay,
And he lay stupid-like,—why, I should laugh,
And if he, spying me, should fall to weep,
Beseech me to be good, repair his wrong,
Bid his poor leg smart less or grow again,—
Well as the chance were, this might take, or else
Not take, my fancy; I might hear his cry,
Or give the manikin three legs for his one,
Or pluck the other off, leave him like an egg,
And lessoned he was mine and merely clay.
Were this no pleasure, lying in the thyme . . .
Making and marring clay at will? So He'

There is nothing here of right nor wrong, but mere caprice,—just as if ‘of yonder crabs that march from mountain to the sea’ I should let twenty pass, and stone the twenty-first ‘As it likes me each time, I do so He’

But suppose, after all, that He were good i’ the main, yet will He not tolerate any vainglory or boasting in the things which he Has created, they must be submissive and cringe before Him Suppose I were to make a pipe whose sound could ensnare the birds, and suppose the pipe were to boast and say,

“I catch the birds, I am the crafty thing,
I make the cry my maker cannot make
With his great round mouth, he must blow through mine!”
Would not I smash it with my foot? So He’

But why should Setebos be discontented, why should He be thus ill at ease? Perhaps there is a higher Ideal, of which Setebos is conscious—a something quiet o’er His head, out of His reach, that feels nor joy nor grief, both of which in themselves are really indications of weakness But for this higher power Caliban does not care, he cares only for Setebos, who, first, looking up and finding that He cannot soar to what is quiet and hath happy life, next looks down here and makes this bauble of a world to ape what is real and better Just as Caliban, whose standard cannot rise above himself, had once imitated Prospero’s magic book by stitching a book of broad leaves and wrote thereon prodigious words, and peeled a wand and called it by a name,

‘Plays thus at being Prosper in a way,
Taket his mirth with make believes so He’

Sycorax had held that the quiet made all things and that Setebos alone was the cause of evil This cannot be, because the stamp of imperfection is on all things, and imperfection means misery and unquiet

Undoubtedly Setebos is busy, working all the time, not, however, out of love for what He creates, but merely to exercise His wit and strength Just as Caliban had once made a pile of turfs, and, with a fish tooth, scratched a moon on each, and set up some sticks endwise, and crowned the whole with a sloth’s skull a-top In the work itself there was not the slightest use, it was done for work’s sole sake

‘Shall some day knock it down again so He’

In the distribution of happiness there is the same caprice Setebos has a spite against Caliban, and favours Prospero, who knows why? If He would only tell the secret of how to please Him! Obeying no law Himself, there is no law for obeying Him If you are lucky once, be sure you will never be lucky in the same way again If you repeat some act that has once pleased Him, He may grow wroth,—never try the same way twice! Just as Caliban himself sometimes spares a squirrel because it is plucky and shows fight, or else spares an urchin because it is timid and shows fear, but what would arouse his wrath would be that either creature, because he had spared him so once, should think that he must spare him so a second time ‘He would teach the reasoning couple what “must” means

‘He does as he likes, or wherefore Lord? So He’

However, the present state of things will continue Perhaps Setebos may get tired of this world and so leave off watching it. ‘Here are we, and there is He, ‘and nowhere help at all’

After all, with this life the pain will stop. Setebos does His worst in this our life, and saves the last pain for the worst,—with which, an end. Meanwhile the best way to escape His ire is not to seem too happy Herein extremes meet and unrestrained free-thinking merges into Puritanic asceticism Therefore, to all outward seeming,

Caliban intends to appear as miserable as ever, will dance only on dark nights, in the sunlight will moan, and get under holes to laugh. If Setebos should catch him just then, and ask 'What chucklest at?' to appease Him, he would cut a finger off 'or of 'my three kid yearlings burn the best,' and in the meanwhile hope that things will somehow mend, that either the superior quiet will conquer Setebos or that Setebos Himself will grow old and doze, doze, which is really as good as if He were dead.

At this point of Caliban's meditations a terrible thunderstorm bursts over his head, the white lightning flashes 'there, there, there, there, there' Setebos has evidently become cognizant of Caliban's irreverent speculations

'What, what? A curtain o'er the world at once!
 Crickets stop hissing, not a bird— or, yes,
 There scuds His raven that hath told Him all!
 It was fool's play, this prattling! Ha! The wind
 Shoulders the pillared dust, death's house o' the move,
 And fast invading fires begin! White blaze—
 A tree's head snaps—and there, there, there, there, there,
 His thunder follows! Fool to gibe at Him!
 Lo! 'Lieth flat and loveth Setebos!'
 'Maketh his teeth meet through his upper lip,
 Will let those quails fly, will not eat this month
 One little mess of whelks, so he may 'scape!'

WITCHCRAFT

THE magic which Prospero practises in the 'Enchanted Island' is so entirely his own, and so far removed from all traces of vulgar Witchcraft, that it is not worth while to do more than simply refer the reader, who may be curious in such matters, to DR DRAKE'S *Shakespeare and His Times*, vol. II, p. 507-525, where much learning on the subject is conveniently epitomised, together with copious extracts from SCOT'S *Discoverie of Witchcraft*. I cannot see, however, that any light is thrown on the character of Prospero, or that we are taught a more exquisite appreciation of Ariel, by knowledge the most exact of the distinctions between Magicians and Necromancers, and Wizards, or between Elves, and Demons, and Goblins. For me, it is sufficient to try to imagine the infinite delight with which Shakespeare's audience accepted as a real, genuine, living creature such a fairy as Ariel, and the breathless awe with which every wave of Prospero's wand was regarded. To that audience, Witchcraft and Enchantment were Facts, not to be questioned, and Caliban was as veritable a possibility as Ferdinand. The strength of the popular belief in Witches and in Demon Lovers, in Shakespeare's time, may be inferred from its vitality even in the days of Dryden, who asserts, as we have seen above on p. 379, that Caliban's parentage 'is not wholly beyond the bounds of credibility.'

DRYDEN'S VERSION

THE following version of *The Tempest* by DAVENANT and DRYDEN was written, as we learn, not only from the *Epilogue*, but also from Pepy's, in 1667 Dryden's *Preface*, dated 1669, was probably written for the earliest publication in 1670 The present Reprint is from the earliest copy in my possession I have cut out about twenty or thirty lines, which will not be missed The Notes on the First Scene were kindly made for me by Commander F M GREEN, U S N, whose name, widely known and honoured in naval scientific circles, has an authority, almost, it might be said, without appeal, as that of the 'Editorial Contributor' on 'Naval and Nautical Terms' in *The Century Dictionary*

The following are the references to this Version in Pepy's *Diary* They are taken from Miss L TOULMIN-SMITH'S INGLEBY'S *Centurie of Prayse* (p 321, &c)

[1667] November 7 —At noon resolved with Sir W Pen to go to see *The Tempest*, an old play of Shakespeare's, acted I hear the first day The house mighty full, the King and Court there, and the most innocent play that ever I saw, and a curious piece of musick in an echo of half sentences, the echo repeating the former half, while the man goes on with the latter, which is mighty pretty The play has no great wit, but yet good, above ordinary plays

November 13 —To the Duke of York's house, and there saw *The Tempest* again, which is very pleasant, and full of so good variety that I cannot be more pleased almost in a comedy, only the seamen's part a little too tedious

December 12 —After dinner all alone to the Duke of York's house and saw *The Tempest*, which, as often as I have seen it, I do like very well, and the house very full

1667-68 January 6 —Away to the Duke of York's house, in the pit, there being acted *The Tempest*

February 3 —To the Duke of York's house, to the play *The Tempest*, which we have often seen, but yet I was pleased again, and shall be again to see it, it is so full of variety, and particularly this day I took pleasure to learn the tune of the seamen's dance

1668-69 January 21 —Home, where I find Madam Turner, Dyke, and The, and had a good dinner for them & merry, and so carried them to the Duke of York's house, . . . and there saw *The Tempest*, but it is but ill done by Gosnell, in lieu of Moll Davis

THE TEMPEST, or, THE ENCHANTED ISLAND A Comedy As it is now Acted at His Highness the Duke of York's Theatre LONDON, Printed by T N for Henry Herringman, at the Blew Anchor in the Lower Walk of the New-Exchange. MDCLXXIV

PREFACE.

THE writing of Prefaces to Plays, was probably invented by some very ambitious Poet, who never thought he had done enough Perhaps by some Ape of the French Eloquence, which uses to make a business of a Letter of Gallantry, an examen of a Farce; and, in short, a great pomp and ostentation of words on every trifle This is certainly the Talent of that Nation, and ought not to be invaded by any other. They do that out of gaiety, which would be an imposition upon us

We may satisfy our selves with surmounting them in the Scene, and safely leave them those trappings of writing, and flourishes of the Pen, with which they adorn the borders of their Plays, and which are indeed no more than good Landskips to a very indifferent Picture I must proceed no farther in this Argument, lest I run my self beyond my excuse for writing this Gave me leave therefore to tell you, Reader, that I do it not to set a value on any thing I have written in this Play, but out of gratitude to the memory of Sir *Wilham Davenant*, who did me the honour to join me with him in the alteration of it

It was originally *Shakespear's* a Poet for whom he had particularly a high veneration, and whom he first taught me to admire The Play it self had formerly been acted with success in the *Black-Fryers* and our Excellent *Fletcher* had so great a value for it, that he thought fit to make use of the same Design, not much varied, a second time Those who have seen his *Sea-Voyage*, may easily discern that it was a Copy of *Shakespear's Tempest* the Storm, the Desart Island, and the Woman who had never seen a Man, are all sufficient Testimonies of it But *Fletcher* was not the only Poet who made use of *Shakespear's* Plot Sir *John Suckling*, a profess'd admirer of our Author, has follow'd his footsteps in his *Goblins*, his *Regmella* being an open imitation of *Shakespear's Miranda*, and his Spirits, though counterfeit, yet are copied from *Ariel* But Sir *Wilham Davenant*, as he was a Man of quick and piercing imagination, soon found that somewhat might be added to the design of *Shakespear*, of which neither *Fletcher* nor *Suckling* had ever thought and therefore to put the last hand to it, he design'd the Counter part to *Shakespear's* Plot, namely, that of a Man who had never seen a Woman, that by this means those two Characters of Innocence and Love might the more illustrate and commend each other This excellent Contrivance he was pleas'd to communicate to me, and to desire my assistance in it I confess, that from the very first moment it so pleas'd me, that I never writ any thing with more delight I must likewise do him that justice to acknowledge, that my writing received daily his amendments, and that is the reason why it is not so faulty, as the rest which I have done, without the help or correction of so judicious a Friend The Comical part of the Saylor's were also of his invention and for the most part his writing, as you will easily discover by the Style In the time I writ with him, I had the opportunity to observe somewhat more nearly of him than I had formerly done, when I had only a bare acquaintance with him I found him then of so quick a fancy that nothing was propos'd to him on which he could not suddenly produce a thought extremely pleasant and surprising and those first thoughts of his, contrary to the old Latine Proverb, were not always the least happy And as his fancy was quick so likewise were the products of it remote and new He borrowed not of any other, and his imaginations were such as could not easily enter into any other Man His Corrections were sober and judicious and he corrected his own writings much more severely than those of another Man, bestowing twice the time and labour in polishing, which he us'd in invention It had perhaps been easie enough for me to have arrogated more to my self than was my due, in the writing of this Play, and to have pass'd by his name with silence in the Publication of it, with the same ingratitude which others have us'd to him, whose Writings he hath not only corrected, as he hath done this, but has had a greater inspection over them, and sometimes added whole Scenes together, which may as easily be distinguish'd from the rest, as true Gold from counterfeit by the weight. But besides the unworthiness of the Action which deterred me from it (there being nothing so base as to rob the dead of his reputation) I am satisfi'd I could never have receiv'd so much honour, in being thought the Author of any

Poem, how excellent soever, as I shall from the joining my imperfections with the Merit and Name of *Shakespear* and Sir *William Davenant*

Decemb 1
1669

JOHN DRIDEN

PROLOGUI

AS when a Tree's cut down, the secret Root
Lives under ground, and thence new branches shew
So, from old *Shakespear's* honour'd dust, this day
Springs up and buds a new reviving Play
Shakespear, who (taught by none) did first impart
To *Fletcher* Wit, to labouring *Johnson* Art
He, Monarch like, gave those his Subjects Law,
And is that Nature which they paint and draw
Fletcher reach'd that which on his heights did grow,
Whilst *Johnson* crept and gather'd all below
Thus did his Love, and this his Mirth digest
One imitates him most, the other best
If they have since out-writ all other Men,
'Tis with the drops which fell from *Shakespear's* pen
The Storm which vanish'd on the neighb'ring shore,
Was taught by *Shakespear's* Tempest first to roar
That Innocence and Beauty which did smile
In *Fletcher*, grew on this *Enchanted Isle*
But *Shakespear's* Magick could not copy'd be,
Within that Circle none durst walk but he
I must confess 'twas bold, nor would you now
That liberty to vulgar Wits allow,
Which work by Magick supernatural things
But *Shakespear's* Pow'r is Sacred as a King's
Those Legends from old Priesthood were receiv'd,
And he then writ, as People then believ'd
But, if for *Shakespear* we your grace implore,
We for our Theatre shall want it more
Who by our dearth of Youths are forc'd t' employ
One of our Women to present a Boy.
And that's a transformation, you will say,
Exceeding all the Magick in the Play

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

A LONZO Duke of *Savoy*, and Usurper of the Dukedom of *Mantua*
Ferdinand his Son
Prospero right Duke of *Milaine*
Antonio his Brother, Usurper of the Dukedom
Gonzalo, a Nobleman of *Savoy*.
Hippolito, one that never saw Woman, right Heir of the Dukedom of *Mantua*
Stephano Master of the Ship.
Mustacho his Mate
Trimalo Boatswain
Ventoso a Marriner

Several Mariners

A Cabin Boy

Miranda and } (Daughters to *Prospero*) that never saw *Man*
Dorinda }

Ariel an airy Spirit, attendant on *Prospero*

Several Spirits, Guards to *Prospero*

Caliban

Sycorax his Sister } Two Monsters of the Isle

THE ENCHANTED ISLAND

The Front of the Stage is open'd, and the Band of 24 Violins, with the Harpsichord and Theorbo's which accompany the Voices, are plac'd between the Pit and the Stage. While the Overture is playing, the Curtain rises, and discovers a new Frontispiece, join'd to the great Pilasters, on each side of the Stage. This Frontispiece is a noble Arch, supported by large wreathed Columns of the Corinthian Order, the wreathings of the Columns are beautifi'd with Roses wound round them, and several Cupids flying about them. On the Cornice, just over the Capitals, sits on either side a Figure, with a Trumpet in one hand, and a Palm in the other, representing Fame. A little farther on the same Cornice, on each side of a Compass-pediment, lie a Lion and a Unicorn, the Supporters of the Royal Arms of England. In the middle of the Arch are several Angels, holding the King's Arms, as if they were placing them in the midst of that Compass-pediment. Behind this is the Scene, which represents a thick Cloudy Sky, a very Rocky Coast, and a Tempestuous Sea in perpetual Agitation. This Tempest (suppos'd to be rais'd by Magick) has many dreadful Objects in it, as several Spirits in horrid shapes flying down amongst the Sailers, then rising and crossing in the Air. And when the Ship is sinking, the whole House is darken'd, and a shower of Fire falls upon 'em. This is accompanied with Lightning, and several Claps of Thunder, to the end of the Storm.

ACT I

Enter Mustacho and Ventoso

Vent **W**Hat a Sea comes in?

Must A hoaming¹ Sea! we shall have foul weather

Enter Trincalo

Trinc The Scud² comes against the Wind, 'twill blow hard

Enter Stephano

Steph. Bosen!

Trinc Here, Master, what say you?

Steph Ill weather! let's off to Sea

Must Let's have Sea room enough, and then let it blow the Devil's Head off

Steph Boy! Boy!

[*Enter Cabin Boy*]

Boy. Yaw, yaw, here, Master

Steph Give the Pilot a dram of the Bottle [Exit *Stephano and Boy*]

¹ hoaming] According to the *Century Dictionary*, this word is found nowhere else. 'it is probably an error (for *combing* in the form of *coaming*, or else for *foaming*?)'

² Scud] F M GREEN The scud never goes against the wind

Enter Mariners, and pass over the Stage

Trinc Bring the Cable to the Capstorm¹

Enter Alonzo, Antonio, Gonzalo

Alon Good Bosen have a care, where's the Master? Play the Men

Trinc Pray keep below

Anto Where's the Master, Bosen?

Trinc Do not you hear him? you hinder us keep your Cabins, you help the storm

Gonz Nay, good Friend be patient

Trinc I, when the Sea is hence, what care these Roarers for the name of Duke? to Cabin, silence, trouble us not

Gonz Good Friend, remember whom thou hast aboard

Trinc None that I love more than my self you are a Counsellor, if you can advise these Elements to silence, use your wisdom. if you cannot, make your self ready in the Cabin for the ill hour. Cheerly good hearts! out of our ways, Sirs

[Exeunt Trincalo and Mariners]

Gonz I have great Comfort from this Fellow, methinks his complexion is perfect Gallows, stand fast, good fate, to his hanging, Make the Rope of his Destiny our Cable, for our own does little advantage us, if he be not born to be hang'd, we shall be drown'd *[Exit]*

Enter Trincalo and Stephano

Trinc Up aloft, Lads Come reef both Topsails

Steph Make haste, let's weigh, let's weigh, and off to Sea *[Ex Steph]*

Enter two Mariners, and pass over the stage

Trinc Hands down! man your Main-Capstorm

Enter Mustacho and Ventoso at the other door

Must Up aloft! and man your Seere-Capstorm²

Vent My Lads, my Hearts of gold, get in your Capstorm Bar Hoa up, ho! up, &c *[Exeunt Mustacho and Ventoso]*

Enter Stephano

Steph Hold on well! hold on well! nip well there, Quarter-Master, get's more Nippers *[Ex Steph]*

Enter two Mariners, and pass over again

Trinc Turn out, turn out, all hands to Capstorm

You dogs, is this a time to sleep? lubbard

Heave together, Lads

[Trincalo whistles]

[Exeunt Mustacho and Ventoso]

Must within Our Vial's broke

Vent within 'Tis but our Vial-block has given way Come heave, Lads! we are fix't again Heave together, Bullyes

Enter Stephano

Steph Cut down the Hammocks! cut down the Hammocks! Come, my Lads Come, Bullyes, cheer up! heave lustily. The Anchor's a peek.

¹ Capstorm] In MURRAY'S *New Eng Dict* this form for *Capstern* is cited in the present passage, but no other example of it is given

² Seere-Capstorm] F M GREEN A perfectly absurd order There is no such thing as a 'Seere-Capstorm,' and there has never been such a thing

⁵ Ease . little] F M GREEN This could do neither good nor harm In fact, it may be generally remarked of this whole Scene, that the words and phrases put into the mouth of the Boatswain are manifestly used by a person who did not at all understand them

Gonz I'll warrant him for diowning, though the ship were no stronger than a Nut-shell, and as leaky as an unstanch'd Wench

Enter Alonzo and Ferdinand

Ferd For my self I care not, but your loss brings a Thousand Deaths to me

Alonz O name not me, I am grown Old, my Son, I am tedious to the World and that, by use, is so to me But, *Ferdinand*, I grieve my Subjects loss in thee, Alas, I suffer justly for my Crimes, but why thou shouldst—O Heaven!

[*A Cry within*

Heark, Farewel, my Son, a long farewell!

Enter Trincalo, Mustacho, and Ventoso

Trinc What must our Mouths be cold then?

Vent All's lost To prayers, to prayers

Gonz The Duke and Prince are gone within to prayers

Let's assist them

Must Nay, we may e'en pray too, our case is now alike

Ant Mercy upon us, we split

Gonz Let's all sink with the Duke and the Young Prince [*Exeunt*

Enter Stephano, and Trincalo

Trinc The Ship is sinking [*A new Cry within*

Steph Run her ashore!

Trinc Luff! luff! or we are all lost! there's a Rock upon the Star-board-Bow

Steph She strikes, she strikes! All shift for them themselves [*Exeunt*

SCENE II

In the midst of the Shower of Fire the Scene changes The Cloudy Sky, Rocks, and Sea vanish, and when the Lights return discover that Beautiful part of the Island, which was the Habitation of Prospero, 'Tis compos'd of three Walks of Cypress-trees, each Side-walk leads to a Cave, in one of which Prospero keeps his Daughters, in the other Hippolito The Middle-Walk is of a great depth, and leads to an open part of the Island

Enter Prospero and Miranda

Prosp *Miranda*, where's your Sister?

Miran I left her looking from the pointed Rock, at the Walk's end, on the huge Beat of Waters

Prosp. It is a dreadful Object

Mir If by your Art, my dearest Father, you have put them in this roar, allay 'em quickly.

Prosp I have so ordered, that not one Creature in the Ship is lost.

I have done nothing but in care of thee,

My Daughter, and thy pretty Sister

You both are ignorant of what you are

Not knowing whence I am, nor that I'm more

Then *Prospero*, Master of a narrow Cell,

And thy unhappy Father

Mir. I ne'r endeavour'd to know more than you were pleas' to tell me,

Prosp I should inform thee farther.

Mir You often, Sir, began to tell me what I am, but then you stopt

Prosp. The Hour's now come, Obey and be attentive Canst thou remember a

time before we came into this Cell? I don't think thou canst, for then thou wert not full three years old

Mir Certainly I can, Sir

Prosp Tell me the Image then of any thing which thou dost keep in thy remembrance still

Mir Sir, had I not four or five Women once that tended me?

Prosp Thou hadst, and more, *Miranda* what seest thou else in the dark backward, and abyss of Time?

If thou remember'st ought e'er thou cam'st here, then how thou cam'st thou may'st remember too

Mir Sir, that I do not

Prosp Fifteen years since, *Miranda*, thy Father was the Duke of *Milan*, and a Prince of power

Mir Sir, are not you my Father?

Prosp Thy Mother was all Vertue, and she said, thou wast my Daughter, and thy Sister too

Mir O Heavens! what foul Play had we, that we hither came, or was't a Blessing that we did?

Prosp Both, both my Girl

Mir But, Sir, I pray proceed

Prosp My Brother, and thy Uncle, call'd *Antonio*, to whom I trusted then the manage of my State, while I was wrap'd with secret Studies That false Uncle, having attain'd the craft of granting suits, and of denying them, whom to advance, or lop, for over-topping, soon was grown the Ivy which did hide my Princely Trunk, and suck'd my verdure out thou attend'st not

Mir. O good, Sir, I do

Prosp I thus neglecting worldly ends, and bent to closeness, and the bettering of my mind, wak'd in my false Brother an evil Nature He did believe he was indeed the Duke, because he then did execute the outward Face of Sovereignty Dost thou still mark me?

Mir Your Story would cure Deafness

Prosp. This false Duke needs would be absolute in *Milan*, and Confederates with *Savoy's* Duke, to give him Tribute, and to do him Homage

Mir False Man!

Prosp This of *Savoy*, being an Enemy to me inveterate, strait grants my Brother a Suit, and on a Night, Mated to his Design, *Antonio* opened the Gates of *Milan*, and i' th' dead of darkness, hurri'd me thence, with thy young Sister, and thy crying self

Mir But wherefore did they not that hour destroy us?

Prosp They durst not, Girl, in *Milan*, for the Love my people bore me, in short, they hurri'd us away to *Savoy*, and thence aboard a Bark at *Nissa's* Port bore us some Leagues to Sea, where they prepar'd a rotten carcass of a Boat, not rigg'd, no Tackle, Sail, nor Mast, the very Rats instinctively had quit it

Mir Alack! what trouble was I then to you?

Prosp Thou and thy Sister were two Cherubins, which did preserve me: you both did smile, infus'd with Fortitude from Heaven

Mir How came we ashore?

Prosp. By Providence Divine Some food we had and some fresh Water, which a Nobleman of *Savoy*, call'd *Gonzalo*, appointed Master of that black design, gave us, with rich Garments and all necessaries, which since have steaded much and of

his Gentleness (knowing I lov'd my Books) he furnish'd me from my own Library,
with Volumes which I prize above my Dukedom

Mir Would I might see that Man

Pros Here, in this Island we arriv'd, and here have I your Tutor been But
by my Skill I find, that my Mid-Heaven doth depend on a most happy Star, whose
Influence if I not court, but omit, my Fortunes will ever after droop here cease more
Questions, thou art inclin'd to sleep 'tis a good dullness, and give it way, I know
thou canst not chuse [She falls asleep

Come away, my Spirit I am ready now, approach,

my *Ariel*, Come

[Enter Ariel

Ariel All hail, great Master, grave Sir, hail, I come to answer thy best pleasure,
be it to fly to swim, to shoot into the Fire, to ride on the curl'd Clouds, to thy strong
bidding task *Ariel* and all his Qualities

Pros Hast thou, Spirit, perform'd to point the Tempest that I bad thee?

Ariel To every Article I boarded the Duke's Ship, now on the Beak, now in
the Waste, the Deck, in every Cabin, I flam'd amazement and sometimes I seem'd
to burn in many places on the Top mast the Yards, and Boresprit, I did flame dis-
tinctly Nay once I rain'd a shower of Fire upon them

Pros My brave Spirit!

Who was so firm, so constant, that this coil did not infect his Reason?

Ariel Not a Soul but felt a Feaver of the Mind, and play'd some tricks of Des-
peration, all, but Mariners, plung'd in the foaming Brine, and quit the Vessel, the
Duke's Son *Ferdinand*, with Hair upstaring (more like Reeds than Hair) was the
first man that leap'd, cry'd, Hell is empty, and all the Devils are here

Pros Why that's my Spirit,

But was not this nigh shore?

Ariel Close by, my Master

Pros But, *Ariel*, are they safe?

Ariel Not a Hair perish'd

In Troops I have dispers'd them round this Isle

The Duke's Son I have landed by himself, whom I have left warming the Air with
sighs, in an odd Angle of the Isle, and sitting, his Arms he folded in this sad Knot

Pros Say how thou hast dispos'd the Mariners of the Duke's Ship, and all the
rest of the Fleet?

Ariel Safely in harbour

Is the Duke's Ship, in the deep Nook, where once thou call'd'st

Me up at Mid-night to fetch Dew from the

Still vext *Bermoothes*, there she's hid,

The Mariners al. under Hatches stow'd,

Whom with a Charm, join'd to their suffer'd Labour,

I have left asleep, and for the rest o' th' Fleet,

(Which I disperst) they all have met again,

And are upon the *Mediterranean* Float

Bound sadly home for *Italy*;

Supposing that they saw the Duke's Ship wrack'd,

And his great Person perish.

Pros *Ariel*, thy Charge

Exactly is perform'd; but there's more Work.

What is the time o' th' day?

Ariel Past the Mid-season

Prosp At least two Glasses the time 'tween six and now must by us both be spent most preciously

Ariel Is there more Toyl? since thou dost give me Pains, let me remember thee what thou hast promis'd, which is not yet perform'd me

Prosp How now, *Moodie*?

What is't thou can'st demand?

Ariel My Liberty

Prosp Before thy time be out? no more

Ariel I prethee!

Remember I have done thee faithful Service,
Told thee no Lies, made thee no Mistakings,
Serv'd without Grudge, or Grumbling,
Thou didst promise to bate me a full Year

Prosp Dost thou forget

From what a Torment I did free thee?

Ariel No

Prosp Thou dost, and think'st it much to tread the Ooze of the salt Deep, to run against the sharp Wind of the North, to do my Bus'ness in the Veins of the Earth when it is bak'd with Frost

Ariel I do not, Sir

Prosp Thou ly'st, Malignant thing! hast thou forgot the foul Witch *Sycorax* who with Age and Envy was grown into a Hoop? hast thou forgot her?

Ariel No, Sir

Prosp Thou hast, where was she born? speak, tell me

Ariel Sir, in *Argier*

Prosp Oh, was she so!

I must once every Month recount what thou hast been, which thou forget'st This damn'd Witch *Sycorax*, for Mischiefs manifold, and Sorceries too terrible to enter humane hearing, from *Argier* thou know'st was banish'd. but for one thing she did, they would not take her Life is not this true?

Ariel I, Sir

Prosp This blue-ey'd Hag was hither brought with Child,
And here was left by th' Sailors, thou, my Slave,
As thou report'st thy self, wast then her Servant,
And 'cause thou wast a Spirit too delicate
To act her Earthy and abhor'd Commands,
Refusing her grand Hests, she did confine thee,
By help of her more potent Ministers;
(In her unmitigable rage) into a cloven Pine,
Within whose rift imprison'd thou didst painfully
Remain a dozen Years, within which space she dy'd,
And left thee there, where thou didst vent
Thy Groans, as fast as Mill-Wheels strike
Then was this Isle (save for two Brats,
Which she did litter here, the brutish *Cahban*,
And his Twin-Sister, two freckled hag-born Whelps)
Not honour'd with a humane Shape

Ariel Yes! *Cahban* her Son and *Sycorax* his Sister.

Prosp Dull thing, I say so, he, that *Caliban*, and she that *Sycorax*, whom I now keep in Service Thou best know'st what torment I did find thee in, thy Groans did make Wolves houl, and penetrate the breasts of ever angry Bears, it was a Torment to lay upon the damn'd, which *Sycorax* could ne'r again undo It was my Art, when I arriv'd, and heard thee, that made the Pine to gape and let thee out

Ariel I thank thee, Master

Prosp If thou more murmurest, I will rend an Oak,
And Peg thee in his knotty Entrails, till thou
Hast houl'd away twelve Winters more

Ariel Pardon, Master

I will be corespondent to command, and be
A gentle Spirit

Prosp Do so, and after two day's I'll discharge thee

Ariel Thanks, my great Master But I have yet one request

Prosp What's that, my Spirit?

Ariel I know that this day's business is important, requiring too much Toyl for one alone I have a gentle Spirit for my Love, who twice seven Years has waited for my Freedom Let it appear, it will assist me much, and we with mutual joy shall entertain each other This I beseech you grant me

Prosp You shall have your desire

Ariel That's my noble Master, *Milcha*! [*Milcha flies down to his Assistance*

Milc I am here my Love

Ariel Thou art free! welcome, my Dear! what shall we do? say, say, what shall we do?

Prosp Be subject to no sight but mine, invisible to every Eye-ball else Hence with Diligence, anon thou shalt know more [*They both fly up, and cross in the Air*
Thou hast slept well my Child [*To Miranda*

Mir The Sadness of your Story put heaviness in me

Prosp Shake it off, come on, I'll now call *Caliban*, my Slave, who never yields us a kind Answer

Mir 'Tis a Creature, Sir, I do not love to look on

Prosp But as 'tis we cannot miss him, he does make our Fire, fetch in our Wood, and serve in Offices that profit us what hoa! Slave! *Caliban*! thou Earth thou, speak.

Calib within There's Wood enough within

Prosp Thou Poisonous Slave, got by the Devil himself upon thy wicked Dam, come forth. [*Enter Caliban*

Calib. As wicked Dew, as e'er my Mother brush'd with Raven's Feather from unwholesome Fens, drop on you both A South-west blow on you, and blister you all o'er

Prosp For this, be sure, to night thou shalt have Cramps, Side stitches, that shall pen thy Breath up, Urchins shall prick thee till thou bleed'st, thou shalt be pinch'd as thick as Honey-Combs, each Pinch more stinging than the Bees which made 'em

Calib I must eat my Dinner. this Island's mine by *Sycorax* my Mother, which thou took'st from me When thou cam'st first, thou stroak'st me, and mad'st much of me, would'st give me Water with Bernes in't, and taught'st me how to name the Bigger Light, and how the Less, that burn by Day and Night, and then I lov'd thee, and shewed thee all the qualities of the Isle, the Fresh-springs, Brine pits, Barren Places and Fertile Curs'd be I that I did so All the Charms of *Sycorax*, Toads,

Beetles, Bats, light on thee, for I am all the Subjects that thou hast. I first was mine own Lord, and here thou stay'st me in this hard Rock, whiles thou does keep from me the rest o' th' Island

Prosp Thou most lying Slave, whom Stripes may move, not Kindness I have us'd thee (Filth that thou art) with humane Care, and lodg'd thee in mine own Cell, till thou didst seek to violate the Honour of my Children

Calib Oh ho, Oh ho, would't had been done thou didst prevent me, I had peopled else this Isle with *Calibans*

Prosp Abhor'd Slave !

Who ne'er would any print of goodness take, being capable of all Ill I pity'd thee, took pains to make thee speak, taught thee each hour one or other thing when thou didst not (Savage) know thy own meaning, but wouldst gabble, like a thing most Brutish I endow'd thy Purposes with Words, which made them known But thy wild Race (though thou didst learn) had that in't, which good Natures could not abide to be with therefore was thou deservedly pent up into this Rock

Calib You taught me Language, and my Profit by it is, that I know to curse. the red botch rid you for learning me your Language

Prosp Hag-seed hence !

Fetch us in fewel, and be quick

To answer other business shrug'st thou (Malice)

If thou neglectest, or dost unwillingly what I command,

I'll wrack thee with old Cramps, fill all thy bones with Aches,

Make thee roar, that Beasts shall tremble at thy Dinn

Calib No, prethee !

I must obey His Art is of such power

It would controul my Dam's God, *Setebos*,

And make a Vassal of him

Prosp So, Slave hence

[*Exeunt* *Prosp* and *Calib* severally

Enter Dorinda

Dor Oh, Sister ! what have I beheld ?

Mir What is it moves you so ?

Dor From yonder Rock,

As I my Eyes cast down upon the Seas,

The Whistling Winds blew rudely on my Face,

And the Waves roar'd, at first I thought the War

Had been between themselves, but strait I spy'd

A huge great Creature

Mir O you mean the Ship

Dor Is't not a Creature then ? it seem'd alive

Mir But what of it ?

Dor This floating Ram did bear his Horns above,

All ty'd with Ribbands, ruffling in the Wind,

Sometimes he nodded down his Head a while,

And then the Waves did heave him to the Moon;

He clamb'ring to the Top of all the Billows,

And then again he curtsi'd down so low,

I could not see him, till at last, all side-long,

With a great Crack his Belly burst in pieces.

Mir There all had perish't,

Had not my Father's Magick Art reliev'd them
But, Sister, I have stranger News to tell you,
In this great Creature there were other Creatures,
And shortly we may chance to see that thing,
Which you have heard my Father call, a Man

Dor But what is that? for yet he never told me

Mir I know no more than you but I have heard
My Father say, we Women were made for him

Dor What, that he should eat us, Sister?

Mir No sure, you see my Father is a Man,
And yet he does us good I would he were not old.

Dor Methinks, indeed, it would be finer,
If we two had two young Fathers

Mir No, Sister, no, if they were young,
My Father said, that we must call them Brothers

Dor But, pray, how does it come, that we two are not Brothers then, and have
not Beards like him?

Mir Now I confess you pose me

Dor How did he come to be our Father too?

Mir I think he found us when we both were little,
And grew within the Ground

Dor Why could he not find more of us? Pray, Sister, let you and I look up
and down one day, to find some little ones for us to play with

Mir Agreed, but now we must go in This is the hour
Wherein my Father's Charm will work,
Which seizes all who are in open air
Th' effect of his great Art I long to see,
Which will perform as much as Magick can

Dor And I, methinks more long to see a Man

[*Exeunt*]

ACT II SCENE I

*The Scene Changes to the wilder part of the Island, 'tis compos'd of drier sorts of
Trees, and barren Places, with a prospect of the Sea at a great distance*

Enter Stephano, Mustacho, Ventoso

Vent THE Runlet of Brandy was a loving Runlet, and floated after us out
of pure pity

Must This kind Bottle, like an old Acquaintance, swam after it
And this Scollop-shell is all our Plate now

Vent 'Tis well we have found something since we landed.
I prethee fill a soop, and let it go round
Where hast thou laid the Runlet?

Must. I' the hollow of an old Tree

Vent Fill apace

We cannot live long in this barren Island, and we may
Take a soop before Death, as well as others drink
At our Funerals

Must This is Prize-Brandy, we steal Custom, and it cost nothing, Let's have two
rounds more

Vent Master, what have you sav'd ?

Steph Just nothing but my self

Vent This works comfortably on a cold stomach

Steph Fill's another round

Vent Look ! *Mustacho* weeps Hang losses, as long as we have Brandy left.
Prithce leave weeping

Steph He sheds his Brandy out of his Eyes he shall drink no more

Must This will be a doleful day with old *Bess* She gave me a gilt Nutmeg at parting That's lost too But, as you say, hang losses Prithce fill again

Vent Beshrew thy heart for putting me in mind of thy Wife

I had not thought of mine else, Nature will shew it self,

I must melt I prithce fill again, my Wife's a good old Jade,

And has but one Eye left but she'll weep out that too,

When she hears that I am dead

Steph. Would you were both hang'd for putting me in thought of mine

Vent But come, Master, sorrow is dry ! there's for you agen

Steph A Mariner had e'en as good be a Fish as a Man, but for the comfort we get ashore O for an old dry Wench now I am wet

Must Poor heart ! that would soon make you dry agen but all is barren in this Isle Here we may lie at Hull till the Wind blow Nore and by South ere we can cry, A Sail, A Sail, at sight of a white Apron And therefore here's another to comfort us

Vent This Isle's our own, that's our comfort, for the Duke, the Prince, and all their train, are perished

Must Our Ship is sunk, and we can never get home agen we must e'en turn Salvages, and the next that catches his Fellow may eat him

Vent No, no, let us have a Government, for if we live well and orderly, Heav'n will drive Shipwracks ashore to make us all rich, therefore let us carry good Consciences, and not eat one another

Steph Whoever eats any of my Subjects, I'll break out his teeth with my Scepter for I was Master at Sea, and will be Duke on Land you *Mustacho* have been my Mate, and shall be my Vice-Roy

Vent When you are Duke, you may chuse your Vice-Roy, but I am a free Subject in a new Plantation, and will have no Duke without my voice And so fill me th' other soop

Steph. *Whispering Ventoso*, dost thou hear, I will advance thee, prithce give me thy voice

Vent I'll have no whispering to corrupt the Election, and to show that I have no private ends, I declare aloud that I will be Vice-Roy, or, I'll keep my voice for my self

Must *Stephano*, hear me, I will speak for the people, because there are few, or rather none in the Isle to speak for themselves Know then, that to prevent the farther shedding of Christian blood, we are all content *Ventoso* shall be Vice-Roy, upon condition I may be Vice-Roy over him. Speak, good people, are you well agreed ? What, no man answer ? well, you may take their silence for consent

Vent You speak for the People, *Mustacho* ? I'll speak for 'em, and declare generally with one voice, one and all, That there shall be no Vice-Roy but the Duke, unless I be he

Must. You declare for the people, who never saw your Face ! Cold Iron shall decide it.
[*Both draw.*]

Steph Hold, loving Subjects we will have no Civil War during our Reign I
do hereby appoint you both to be my Vice-Roys over the whole Island

Both Agreed ' agreed '

Enter Trincalo, with a great Bottle, half drunk.

Vent How ! *Trincalo* our brave Bosen !

Must He reels can he be drunk with Sea water ?

Trinc sings *I shall no more to Sea to Sea,*

Here I shall die ashore

This is a very scurvy tune to sing at a Man's Funeral

But here's my comfort

[*Drinks.*

Sings, The Master, the Swabber, the Gunner, and I,

The Surgeon and his Mate,

Low'd Mall, Meg, and Marrian, and Margery,

But none of us car'd for Kate

For she had a tongue with a tang,

Wou'd cry to a Sailor, Go hang ?

She lov'd not the savour of Tar nor of Pitch,

Yet a Taylor might scratch her where ere she did itch

This is a scurvy Tune too, but here's my comfort agen

[*Drinks.*

Steph. We have got another Subject now, Welcome,

Welcome into our Dominions !

Trinc What Subject, or what Dominions ? here's old Sack,

Boy. the King of good-fellows can be no subject

I will be old *Simon* the King

Must Hah, old Boy ! how didst thou scape ?

Trinc Upon a Butt of Sack, Boys, which the Sailors

Threw over-board but are you alive, ho ! for I will

Tipple with no Ghosts till I'm dead thy hand, *Mustacho,*

And thine, *Ventoso*, the Storm has done its worst.

Stephano alive too ! give thy Bosen thy hand, Master

Vent You must kiss it then, for, I must tell you, we have chosen him Duke in a full Assembly

Trinc A Duke ! where ? what's he Duke of ?

Must Of this Island, Man Oh *Trincalo*, we are all made, the Island's empty ;
all's our own, Boy, and we will speak to his Grace for thee, that thou may'st be as
great as we are

Trinc You great ? what the Devil are you ?

Vent We two are Vice-Roys over all the Island, and when we are weary of
Governing, thou shall succeed us

Trinc. Do you hear, *Ventoso*, I will succeed you in both your places before you
enter into 'em

Steph *Trincalo*, sleep and be sober, and make no more uproars in my Country

Trinc Why, what are you, Sir, what are you ?

Steph What I am, I am by free Election, and you *Trincalo*, are not your self,
but we pardon your first fault, because it is the first day of our Reign

Trinc. Umph, were matters carried so swimmingly against me, whilst I was
swimming, and saving my self for the good of the people of this Island

Must Art thou mad, *Trincalo* ? wilt thou disturb a settled Government, where
thou art a meer stranger to the Laws of the Country ?

Trinc I'll have no Laws

Vent Then Civil War begins

[*Vent and Must draw*

Steph Hold, hold, I'll have no bloodshed,

My Subjects are but few let him make a Rebellion

By himself, and a Rebel, I Duke *Stephano* declare him

Vice Roys, come away

Trinc And Duke *Trincalo* declares, that he will make open War where ever he meets thee, or thy Vice-Roys

[*Exeunt Steph Must Vent*

Enter Caliban with wood upon his back

Trinc Hah! who have we here?

Calib All the infections that the Sun sucks up from Frogs, Fens, Flats, on *Prospero* fall and make him by inch-meal a Disease his Spirits hear me, and yet I needs must curse, but they'll not pinch, fright me with Urchin shows, pitch me i' th' mire, nor lead me in the dark out of my way, unless he bid 'em but for every trifle he sets them on me, sometimes like Baboons they mow and chatter at me, and often bite me, like Hedge-hogs then they mount their prickles at me, tumbling before me in my barefoot way Sometimes I am all wound about with Adders, who with their cloven tongues hiss me to madness Hah! yonder stands one of his spirits sent to torment me

Trinc What have we here, a Man, or a Fish?

This is some Monster of the Isle, were I in *England*,

As once I was, and had him painted,

Not a Holy-day Fool there but would give me

Six pence for the sight of him, well, if I could make

Him tame, he were a present for an Emperour.

Come hither pretty Monster, I'll do thee no harm.

Come hither!

Calib Torment me not,

I'll bring the Wood home faster.

Trinc He talks none of the wisest but I'll give him

A dram o' th' Bottle, that will clear his understanding

Come on your ways, Master Monster, open your mouth.

How now, you perverse Moon-calf! what,

I think you cannot tell who is your Friend!

Open your chops, I say

[*Pours Wine down his Throat*

Calib This is a brave God, and bears Coelestial Liquor,

I'll kneel to him

Trinc He is a very hopeful Monster, Monster, what sayst thou, are thou content to turn civil and sober, as I am? for then thou shalt be my Subject

Calib. I'll swear upon that Bottle to be true, for the liquor is not Earthly did'st thou not drop from Heaven?

Trinc Only out of the Moon, I was the Man in her when time was By this light, a very shallow Monster

Calib I'll shew thee every fertile inch i' th' Isle, and kiss thy foot I prithee be my God, and let me drink

[*drinks again.*

Trinc Well drawn Monster, in good faith

Calib I'll shew thee the best Springs, I'll pluck thee Berries,

I'll fish for thee, and get thee wood enough

A curse upon the Tyrant whom I serve, I'll bear him

No more sticks, but follow thee

Trinc The poor Monster is loving in his drink

Calib I prithee let me bring thee where Crabs grow
And with my long nails will dig thee Pig-nuts,
Shew thee a Jays-nest, and instruct thee how to snare
The Marmazete, I'll bring thee to cluster'd Filberds,
Wilt thou go with me?

Trinc This Monster comes of a good natur'd race,
Is there no more of thy Kin in this Island?

Calib Divine, here is but one besides my self,
My lovely Sister, beautiful and bright as the Full Moon.

Trinc Where is she?

Calib I left her clambring up a hollow Oak,
And plucking thence the dropping Honey combs
Say, my King, shall I call her to thee?

Trinc She shall swear upon the Bottle too
If she proves handsome she is mine Here, Monster,
Drink agen for thy good news, thou shalt speak
A good word for me

[*Gives him the Bottle*]

Calib Farewel, old Master farewel, farewel.

Sing *No more Dams I'll make for fish,*
Nor fetch in firing at requiring,
Nor scape Trencher, nor wash Dish,
Ban, Ban, Cackaliban
Has a new Master, get a new Man
Heigh-day! Freedom, freedom!

Trinc Here's two Subjects got already, the Monster,
And his Sister well, Duke *Stephano*, I say, and say agen,
Wars will ensue, and so I drink
From this Worshipful Monster, and Mistriss
Monster his Sister,
I'll lay claim to this Island by alliance
Monster, I say thy Sister shall be my Spouse
Come away, Brother Monster, I'll lead thee to my Butt
And drink her health

[*drinks*]

[*Exeunt*]

Scene Cypress Tree and Cave.

Enter Prospero alone

Prosp 'Tis not fit to let my Daughters know I kept
The Infant Duke of *Mantua* so near them in this Isle.
Whose Father dying, bequeath'd him to my care
Till my false Brother (when he design'd t' usurp
My Dukedom from me) expos'd him to that fate
He meant for me By calculation of his birth
I saw death threat'ning him, if, till some time were
Past, he should behold the face of any Woman:
And now the danger's nigh. *Hippolito!*

Enter Hippolito

Hip. Sir, I attend your pleasure.

Prosp. How I have lov'd thee from thy infancy

Heav'n knows, and thou thy self canst bear me witness,
Therefore accuse not me for thy restraint

Hip Since I knew life, you've kept me in a Rock,
And you this day have hurri'd me from thence,
Only to change my Prison, not to free me
I murmur not, but I may wonder at it

Prosp O gentle Youth, Fate waits for thee abroad,
A black Star threatens thee, and death unseen
Stands ready to devour thee

Hip You taught me not to fear him in any of his shapes:
Let me meet death rather than be a Prisoner

Prosp 'Tis pity he should seize thy tender youth

Hip Sir, I have often heard you say, no Creature liv'd
Within this Isle, but those which Man was Lord of?
Why then should I fear?

Prosp But here are creatures which I nam'd not to thee,
Who share Man's Sovereignty by Nature's Laws,
And oft depose him from it

Hip What are those Creatures, Sir?

Prosp Those dangerous Enemies of Men call'd Women.

Hip Women! I never heard of them before
What are Women like?

Prosp Imagine something between young Men and Angels:
Fatally beauteous, and having killing Eyes,
Their Voices charm beyond the Nightingales,
They are all enchantment, those who once behold 'em,
Are made their slaves for ever

Hip Then I will wink and fight with 'em

Prosp 'Tis but in vain,
They'll haunt you in your very sleep

Hip Then I'll revenge it on 'em when I wake.

Prosp You are without all possibility of revenge,
They are so beautiful, that you can ne'r attempt,
Nor wish to hurt them

Hip Are they so beautiful?

Prosp Calm sleep is not so soft, nor Winter Suns,
Nor Summer shades so pleasant

Hip Can they be fairer than the Plumes of Swans?
Or more delightful than the Peacocks Feathers?
Or than the gloss upon the necks of Doves?
Or have more various beauty than the Rainbow?
These I have seen, and without danger wondred at.

Prosp All these are far below 'em. Nature made
Nothing but Woman dangerous and fair
Therefore if you should chance to see 'em,
Avoid 'em straight I charge you

Hip Well since you say they are so dangerous,
I'll so far shun 'em as I may with safety of the
Unblemish'd honour which you taught me

But let 'em not provoke me, for I'm sure I shall
Not then forbear them

Prosp Go in and read the Book I gave you last
To morrow I may bring you better news

Hip I shall obey you, Sir

[*Exit Hippolito*]

Prosp So, so, I hope this Lessen has secur'd him,
For I have been constrain'd to change his lodging
From yonder Rock where first I bred him up,
And here have brought him home to my own Cell,
Because the shipwrack happen'd near his Mansion
I hope he will not stir beyond his limits,
For hitherto he hath been all obedience
The Planets seem to smile on my designs,
And yet there is one sullen Cloud behind,
I would it were disperst

[*Enter Miranda and Dorinda.*]

How ' my Daughters ' I thought I had instructed
them enough Children ' retire,
Why do you walk this way ?

Mir It is within our bounds, Sir

Prosp But both take heed, that path is very dangerous
Remember what I told you

Dor Is the Man that way, Sir ?

Prosp All that you can imagine ill is there,
The Curled Lion, and the rugged Bear,
Are not so dreadful as that Man

Mir Oh me, why stay we here then ?

Dor I'll keep far enough from his Den, I warrant him.

Mir But you have told me, Sir, you are a Man,
And yet you are not dreadful

Prosp I Child ' but I am a tame Man, old Men are tame
By Nature, but all the danger lies in a wild
Young Man

Dor Do they run wild about the Woods ?

Prosp No, they are wild within doors, in Chambers,
And in Closets,

Dor But, Father, I would stroak 'em, and make 'em gentle,
Then sure they would not hurt me

Prosp You must not trust them, Child
Well, I must in, for new affairs requires my

Presence be you *Miranda*, your Sisters Guardian

[*Exit Prospero.*]

Dor Come, Sister, shall we walk the other way ?
The Man will catch us else we have but two legs,
And he perhaps has four

Mir Well, Sister, though he have ; yet look about you,
And we shall spy him ere he comes too near us.

Dor Come back, that way is towards his Den.

Mir Let me alone, I'll venture first, for sure he can
Devour but one of us at once

Dor How dare you venture ?

Mir We'll find him sitting like a Hare in's Form
And he shall not see us

Dor I but you know my Father charg'd us both

Mir But whc shall tell him on't? we'll keep each
Others Counsel

Dor I dare not for the World

Mir But how shall we hereafter shun him, if we do not
Know him first?

Dor Nay, I confess I would fain see him too I find it in my
Nature, because my Father has forbidden me

Mir I, there's it, Sister, if he had said nothing, I had been quiet. Go softly
and if you see him first, be quick, and becken me away

Dor Well, if he does catch me, I'll humble my self to him,
And ask him pardon, as I do my Father,
When I have done a fault

[*Exeunt*

The Scene continues Enter Hippolito

Hip *Prospero* has often said, that Nature makes
Nothing in vain why then are Women made?
Are they to suck the poison of the Earth
As gaudy colour'd Serpents are? I'll ask that
Question, when next I see him here

Enter Miranda and Dorinda peeping

Dor O Sister, there it is, it walks about like one of us.

Mir I, just so, and has Legs as we have too

Hip It strangely puzzles me: yet 'tis most likely
Women are somewhat between Men and Spirits

Dor Hark! it talks, sure this is not it my Father meant,
For this is just like one of us. methinks I am not half
So much afraid on't as I was, see now it turns this way

Mir Heaven! what a goodly thing it is?

Dor I'll go nearer it

Mir. O no, 'tis dangerous, Sister! I'll go to it
I would not for the World that you should venture.
My Father charg'd me to secure you from it.

Dor I warrant you this is a tame Man, dear Sister,
He'll not hurt me, I see it by his looks

Mir Indeed he will! but go back, and he shall eat me first:
Fie, are you not asham'd to be so much inquisitive?

Dor. You chide me for't, and wou'd give your self.

Mir Come back, or I will tell my Father
Observe how he begins to stare already

I'll meet the danger first, and then call you

Dor. Nay, Sister, you shall never vanquish me in kindness.
I'll venture you no more than you will me

Pros. within *Miranda*, Child, where are you?

Mir Do you not hear my Father call? go in.

Dor 'Twas you he nam'd, not me, I will but say my Prayers,
And follow you immediately

Mir We'll, Sister, you'll repent it

[*Exit* *Miranda*.

Dor Though I die for't, I must have the other peep

Hip seeing her What thing is that? sure 'tis some Infant of the Sun, dress'd in his Fathers gayest Beams, and comes to play with Birds my sight is dazzl'd, and yet I find I'm loth to shut my Eyes
I must go nearer it—but stay awhile,
May it not be that beauteous Murderer, Woman,
Which I was charg'd to shun? Speak, what art thou?
'Thou shining Vision'

Dor Alas, I know not, but I'm told I am a Woman,
Do not hurt me, pray, fair thing

Hip I'd sooner tear my Eyes out, than consent to do you any harm, though I was told a Woman was my Enemy

Dor I never knew what 'twas to be an Enemy, nor can I e'r prove so to that which looks like you for though I have been charg'd by him (whom yet I never disobey'd) to shun your presence, yet I'd rather die than lose it, therefore I hope you will not have the heart to hurt me though I fear you are a Man, that dangerous thing, of which I have been warn'd Pray tell me what you are?

Hip I must confess, I was inform'd I am a Man,
But if I fright you, I shall wish I were some other Creature
I was bid to fear you too

Dor Ay me! Heav'n grant we be not poison to each other!
Alas, can we not meet but we must die?

Hip I hope not so! for when two prisonous Creatures,
Both of the same kind, meet, yet neither dies
I've seen two Serpents harmless to each other,
Though they have twin'd into a mutual knot
If we have any venome in us, sure, we cannot be more
Poisonous, when we meet, than Serpents are
You have a hand like mine, may I not gently touch it?

[*Takes her hand*]

Dor I've touch'd my Father's and my Sister's hands,
And felt no pain, but now, alas! there's something,
When I touch yours, which makes me sigh. just so
I've seen two Turtles mourning when they met,
Yet mine's a pleasing grief, and so me thought was theirs.
For still they mourn'd. and still they seem'd to murmur too,
And yet they often met

Hip Oh Heavens! I have the same sense too: your hand
Methinks goes through me, I feel it at my heart,
And find it pleases, though it pains me

Prosp Within Dorinda!

Dor. My Father calls again, ah, I must leave you.

Hip. Alas, I'm subject to the same command

Dor This is my first offence against my Father,
Which he, by severing us, too cruelly does punish

Hip And this is my first trespass too but he hath more
Offended truth than we have him:
He said our meeting would destructive be,
But I no death but in our parting see

[*Exeunt several ways.*]

SCENE III *A wild Island**Enter Alonzo, Antonio, Gonzalo*

Gonz 'Beseech your Grace be merry you have cause, so have we all, of joy, for our strange 'scape, then wisely, good Sir, weigh our sorrow with our comfort

Alonz Prithee peace, you cram these words into my Ears, against my stomach, how can I rejoice, when my dear Son, perhaps this very moment, is made a meal to some strange Fish

Anto Sir, he may live, I saw him beat the Billows under him, and ride upon their backs, I do not doubt he came alive to Land

Alon. No, no, he's gone, and you and I, *Antonio*, were those who caus'd his death

Anto How could we help it?

Alonz Then, then we should have help'd it, when thou betray'dst thy Brother *Prospero*, and *Mantua's* Infant Sovereign, to my power, and when I, too ambitious, took by force another's right Then lost we *Ferdinand*, Then forfeited our Navy to this Tempest

Ant Indeed we first broke Truce with Heaven, you to the waves an Infant Prince expos'd, and on the waves have lost an only Son I did usurp my Brother's fertile Lands, and now am cast upon this Desert-Isle

Gonz These, Sirs, 'tis true were crimes of a black dye, but both of you have made amends to Heav'n by your late Voyage into *Portugal*, where in defence of Christianity, your valour has repuls'd the Moors of *Spain*

Alon O name it not, *Gonzalo*,

No act but penitence can expiate guilt!

Must we teach Heav'n what price to set on Murder! what rate on lawless Power and wild Ambition! or dare we traffick with the Powers above, and sell by weight a good deed for a bad? *[A flourish of Musick]*

Gonz Musick! and in the air, sure we are Shipwreck'd on the Dominions of some merry Devil!

Ant This Isle's Inchant'd ground, for I have heard swift Voices flying by my Ear, and groans of lamenting Ghosts

Alon I pull'd a Tree, and blood pursu'd my hand
Heav'n deliver me from this dire place, and all the after-actions of my life shall mark my penitence and my bounty *[Musick again louder]*

Hark, the sounds approach us! *[The Stage opens in several places]*

Ant Lo the Earth opens to devour us quick

These dreadful horrors, and the guilty sense of my foul Treason, have unmann'd me quite.

Alon. We on the brink of swift destruction stand,

No means of our escape is left *[Another flourish of Voices under the Stage]*

Ant. Ah! what amazing sounds are these we hear!

Gonz What horrid Masque will the dire Fiend present?

Sung under the Stage

1. Dev *Where does the black Fiend Ambition reside,
With the mischievous Devil of Pride?*
2. Dev. *In the lonest and darkest Caverns of Hell
Both Pride and Ambition does dwell*
1. Dev *Who are the chief Leaders of the damned Host?*
- 3 Dev *Proud Monarchs, who tyrannize most*

- 1 Dev *Damned Princes there
The worst of torments bear*
- 2 Dev *Who in Earth all other in pleasures excell,
Must feel the worst torments of Hell* [They re. e singing this Chorus]
- Ant *Oh Heav'ns! what horrid Vision's this?*
- How they upbraid us with our crimes!
- Alon *What fearful vengeance is in store for us!*
- 1 Dev *Tyrants by whom their Subjects bleed,
Should in pains all others exceed,*
- 2 Dev *And barb'rous Monarchs who their Neighbours invade,
And their Crowns unjustly get,
And such who their Brothers to death have betray'd,
In Hell upon burning Th' ones shall be set*
- 3 Dev } *—In Hell, in Hell with flames they shall reign,*
Chor } *And for ever, for ever shall suffer the pain*
- Ant *Oh my Soul, for ever, for ever shall suffer the pain*
- Alon *Has Heav'n in all its infinite stock of mercy
No overflowings for us? poor, miserable guilty Men!*
- Gons *Nothing but horrors do encompass us!*
- For ever, for ever must we suffer!
- Alon *For ever we shall perish! O dismal words, for ever!*
- 1 Dev *Who are the Pullars of the Tyrants Court?*
2. Dev *Rapine and Murder his Crown must support!*
- 3 Dev *—His cruelty does tread
On Orphans tender breasts, and Brothers dead!*
- 2 Dev. *Can Heav'n permit such crimes should be
Attended with felicity?*
3. Dev *No, Tyrants their Scepters uneasily bear,
In the midst of their Guards they their Consciences fear*
- 2 Dev } *Care their minds when they wake unquiet will keep,*
Chor. } *And we with dire visions disturb all their sleep*
- Ant. *Oh horrid sight! how they stare upon us!*
- The Fiends will hurry us to the dark Mansion
- Sweet Heav'n, have mercy on us!
- 1 Dev *Say, Say, shall we bear these bold Mortals from hence?*
- 2 Dev *No, no, let us show their degrees of offence*
- 3 Dev. *Let's muster their crimes upon every side,
And first let's discover their pride*
- Enter Pride
- Pride. *Lo here is Pride who first led them astray,
And did to Ambition their minds then betray*
- Enter Fraud
- Fraud. *And Fraud does next appear,
Their wandring steps who led,
When they from virtue fled,
They in my crooked paths their course did steer.*
- Enter Rapine
- Rapine. *From Fraud to Force they soon arrive,
Where Rapine did their actions drive.*

Enter Murder

Murder *There long they could not stay ;
Down the steep Hill they run,
And to perfect the mischief which they had begun,
To Murder they bent all their way
Around, around we pace,*

Chorus *About this cursed place ,*

of all *While thus we compass in
These Mortals and their sin* [*Devils vanish*]

Ant Heav'n has heard me, they are vanish'd !

Alon But they have left me all unmann'd ?

I feel my sinews slacken with the fright,
And a cold sweat trills down o'r all my Limbs,
As if I were dissolving into water

Oh Prospero, my crimes 'gaunst thee sit heavy on my heart !

Ant And mine 'gaunst him and young *Hippolito*

Gonz Heav'n have mercy on the penitent

Alon Lead from this cursed ground,
The Seas in all their rage are not so dreadful
This is the Region of despair and death

Ant Shall we not seek some Fruit ?

Alon Beware all fruit, but what the Birds have peck'd
The shadows of the Trees are pois'nous too a secret venom slides from every
branch ! my Conscience does distract me ! O my Son ! why do I speak of eating or
repose, before I know thy fortune ?

*[As they are going out, a Devil rises just before
them, at which they start, and are frighted.]*

Alon O Heavens ! yet more Apparitions !

Devil sings *Arise, arise ! ye subterranean winds,
More to disturb their guilty minds
And all ye filthy damps and vapours rise,
Which use t' infect the Earth, and trouble all the Skies ;
Rise you, from whom devouring plagues have birth
You that i' th' vast and hollow womb of Earth,
Engender Earthquakes, make whole Countreys shake,
And stately Cities into Desarts turn ,
And you who feed the flames by which Earths entrails burn.
Ye raging winds, whose rapid force can make
All but the fix'd and solid Centre shake
Come drive these Wretches to that part o' th' Isle,
Where Nature never yet did smile
Cause Fogs, and Storms, Whirlwinds and Earthquakes there
There let 'em howl and languish in despair.
Rise and obey the pow'rful Prince o' th' Air.*

Two Winds rise, Ten more enter and dance

At the end of the Dance, Three winds sink, the rest drive *Alon Ant*
Gonz off

ACT III SCENE I

SCENE, *A wild Island.*

Enter Ferdinand, and Ariel and Milcha invisible.

Ariel **C**ome unto these yellow sands,
And then take hands,
Curtsi'd when you have, and kiss'd
The wild waves whist
Foot it feathly here and there,
And sweet sprights the burthen bear
Hark! hark!
Bow waugh, the Watch-dogs bark
Bow waugh Hark! hark! I hear
The strain of strutting Chanticleer,
Cry, Cock a doodle do

Ferd Where should this Musick be? i' th' air, or earth? it sounds no more, and sure it waits upon some God i' th' Island sitting on a Bank, weeping against the Duke, my Father's wrack'd, This Musick hover'd on the waters, allaying both their fury and my passion with charming Airs Thence I have follow'd it, (or it has drawn me rather) but 'tis gone, No it begins again

Milcha sings

Full fathom five thy Father lies,
Of his bones is Coral made
Those are Pearls that were his Eyes,
Nothing of him that does fade
But does suffer a Sea-change
Into something rich and strange
Sea Nymphs hourly ring his knell,
Hark! now I hear 'em, ding dong Bell

Ferd This mournful Ditty mentions my drown'd Father
This is no mortal business, nor a sound which the Earth owns——
I hear it now before me, however I will on and follow it

[*Exit Ferd following Ariel*]

SCENE II *The Cypress-Trees and Cave*

Enter Prospero and Miranda

Prosp Excuse it not, *Miranda*, for to you (the elder, and I thought the more discreet) I gave the conduct of your Sisters actions

Mir Sir, when you call'd me thence, I did not fail to mind her of her duty to depart

Prosp How can I think you did remember hers, when you forgot your own? did you not see the Man whom I commanded you to shun?

Mir. I must confess I saw him at a distance

Prosp. Did not his Eyes infect and poison you?
What alteration found you in your self?

Mir. I only wondred at a sight so new

Prosp But have you no desire once more to see him?
Come, tell me truly what you think of him?

Mir As of the gayest thing I ever saw, so fine, that it appear'd more fit to be

below'd than fear'd, and seem'd so near my kind, that I did think I might have call'd it Sister

Prosp You do not love it?

Mir How is it likely that I should, except the thing had first lov'd me?

Prosp Cherish these thoughts you have a gen'rous Soul,

And since I see your mind not apt to take the light

Impressions of a sudden love, I will unfold

A secret to your knowledge

That Creature which you saw, is of a kind

Nature made a prop and guide to yours

Mir Why did you then propose him as an object of terrour to my mind?

You never us'd to teach me any thing but God-like truths, and what you said,

I did believe as sacred

Prosp I fear'd the pleasing form of this young Man

Might unawares possess your tender Breast,

Which for a nobler Guest I had design'd,

For shortly, my *Miranda*, you shall see another of this kind,

The full-blown Flower, of which this Youth was but the

Op'ning Bud Go in, and send your Sister to me

Mir Heav'n still preserve you, Sir

Prosp And make thee fortunate

[*Exit Miranda.*

Enter Dorinda

O, Come hither, you have seen a Man to day,
Against my strict command

Dor Who I? indeed I saw him but a little, Sir

Prosp Come, come, be clear Your Sister told me all

Dor Did she? truly she would have seen him more than I,

But that I would not let her

Prosp Why so?

Dor. Because, methought, he would have hurt me less
Than he would her. But if I knew you'd not be angry
With me, I could tell you, Sir, that he was much to blame.

Prosp Hah! was he to blame?

Tell me, with that sincerity I taught you,
How you became so bold to see the Man?

Dor. I hope you will forgive me, Sir, because I did not see him much till he saw me Sir, he would needs come in my way, and star'd, and star'd upon my Face; and so I thought I would be reveng'd of him, and therefore I gaz'd on him as long; but if I e'r come near a Man again——

Prosp I told you he was dangerous, but you would not be warn'd.

Dor Pray be not angry, Sir, I tell you, you are mistaken in him, for he did me no great hurt.

Prosp. But he may do you more harm hereafter.

Dor. No, Sir, I'm as well as e'r I was in all my life,
But that I cannot eat nor drink for thought of him.
That dangerous Man runs ever in my mind

Prosp The way to cure you, is no more to see him

Dor Nay, pray, Sir, say not so, I promis'd him
To see him once agen, and you know, Sir,

You charg'd me I should never break my Promise

Prosp Wou'd you see him who did you so much mischief?

Dor I warrant you I did him as much harm as he did me,
For when I left him, Sir, he sigh'd so, as it griev'd
My heart to hear him

Prosp Those sighs were pois'nous, they infected you •

You say, they griev'd you to the heart

Dor 'Tis true, but yet his looks and words were gentle

Prosp These are the Day-dreams of a Maid in Love
But still I fear the worst

Dor O fear not him, Sir

Prosp You speak of him with too much Passion, tell me
(And on your duty tell me true, *Dorinda*)

What past betwixt you and that horrid Creature?

Dor How, horrid, Sir? if any else but you should call it so, indeed I should be
angry

Prosp Go too! you are a foolish Girl, but answer to what I ask, what thought
you when you saw it?

Dor At first it star'd upon me, and seem'd wild,
And then I trembled, yet it look'd so lovely, that when
I would have fled away, my feet seem'd fasten'd to the ground
Then it drew near, and with amazement ask'd
To touch my hand, which, as a ransom for my life,
I gave but when he had it, with a furious gripe
He put it to his mouth so eagerly, I was afraid he
Would have swallow'd it

Prosp Well, what was his behaviour afterwards?

Dor He on a sudden grew so tame and gentle,
That he became more kind to me than you are,
Then, Sir, I grew I know not how, and touching his hand
Agen, my heart did beat so strong, as I lack'd breath
To answer what he ask'd

Prosp You have been too fond, and I should chide you for it

Dor Then send me to that Creature to be punish'd.

Prosp Poor Child! thy Passion, like a lazy Ague,
Has seiz'd thy blood, instead of striving, thou humour'st
And feed'st thy languishing disease thou fight'st
The Battels of thy Enemy, and 'tis one part of what
I threatn'd thee, not to perceive thy danger

Dor Danger, Sir?

As he would hurt me, yet he knows not how
He hath no Claws, nor Teeth, nor Horns to hurt me
But looks about him like a Callow-bird,
Just stragg'l'd from the Nest pray trust me, Sir,
To go to him agen

Prosp Since you will venture,
I charge you bear your self reserv'dly to him,
Let him not dare to touch your naked hand,
But keep at distance from him

Dor This is hard

Prosp It is the way to make him love you more,
He will despise you if you grow too kind

Dor I'll struggle with my heart to follow this,
But if I lose him by it, will you promise
To bring him back agen?

Prosp Fear not, *Dorinda*,
But use him ill, and he'll be yours for ever

Dor I hope you have not couzen'd me agen

Prosp Now my designs are gathering to a head
My Spirits are obedient to my charms
What, *Ariel*! my Servant *Ariel*, where art thou?

[*Exit Dor*]

Enter Ariel

Ariel What wou'd my potent Master? Here I am

Prosp Thou and thy meaner fellows your last service
Did worthily perform, and I must use you in such another
Work how goes the day?

Ariel On the fourth, my Lord, and on the sixth,
You said our work should cease

Prosp And so it shall,
And thou shalt have the open air at freedom

Ariel Thanks, my great Lord.

Prosp But tell me first, my Spirit,
How fares the Duke, my Brother, and their Followers?

Ariel Confin'd together, as you gave me order,
In the Lime-grove, which weather fends your Cell,
Within that Circuit up and down they wander,
But cannot stir one step beyond their compass

Prosp How do they bear their sorrows?

Ariel The two Dukes appear like men distracted, *their*
Attendants brim-full of sorrow mourning over 'em,
But chiefly, he you term'd the good *Gonzalo*
His Tears run down his Beard, like Winter-drops
From Eaves of Reeds, your Vision did so work 'em,
That if you now beheld 'em, your affections
Would become tender

Prosp Do'st thou think so, Spirit?

Ariel Mine would, Sir, were I humane

Prosp And mine shall

Hast thou, who art but air, a touch, a feeling of *their*
Afflictions, and shall not I (a Man like them, one
Who as sharply relish passions as they) be kindlier
Mov'd then thou art? though they have pierc'd
Me to the quick with injuries, yet with my nobler
Reason 'gainst my fury I will take part,
The rarer action is in vertue than in vengeance.
Go, my *Ariel*, refresh with needful food *their*
Famish'd Bodies With shows and cheerful
Musick comfort 'em

Ariel Presently, Master

Prosp With a twinkle, *Ariel* But stay, my Spirit,
What is become of my Slave *Caliban*,
And *Sycorax* his Sister?

Ariel Potent Sir!

They have cast off your Service, and revolted
To the wrack'd Mariners, who have already
Parcell'd your Island into Governments

Prosp No matter, I have now no need of 'em
But, Spirit, now I stay thee on the Wing,
Haste to perform what I have given in charge.
But see they keep within the bounds I set 'em

Ariel I'll keep 'em in with walls of Adamant,
Invisible as air to mortal Eyes,
But yet unpassable

Prosp Make haste then

[*Exeunt spirits*]

SCENE III *Wild Island*

Enter Alonzo, Antonio, Gonzalo

Gonz I am weary, and can go no further, Sir

Alonz Old Lord, I cannot blame thee, who am my self seiz'd
With a weariness, to the dulling of my Spirits
Even here I will put off my hope and keep it no longer
For my Flatterers he is drown'd whom thus we stray to find.

[*They sit*]

I'm faint with hunger, and must despair of food
What! Harmony agen, my good Friends, heark!

Musick without

Ant I fear some other horrid Apparition
Give us kind Keepers, Heaven, I beseech thee!

Gonz. 'Tis cheerful Musick this, unlike the first

Ariel and Milcha invisible, sing

*Dry those Eyes which are o'rfloving,
All your storms are overblowing
While you in this Isle are biding,
You shall Feast without providing.
Every dainty you can think of,
Ev'ry Wine which you can drink of,
Shall be yours, and want shall shun you,
Ceres' blessing so is on you*

Alonz This voice speaks comfort to us

Ant. Wou'd 'twere come, there is no Musick in a Song
To me, my stomach being empty

Gonz. O for a Heavenly Vision of Boyl'd,
Bak'd and Roasted!

[*Dance of fantastick Spirits; after the Dance, a Table furnish'd
with Meat and Fruit is brought in by two Spirits*]

Ant. My Lord, the Duke, see yonder.
A Table, as I live, set out and furnish'd
With all varieties of Meats and Fruits

Alonz 'Tis so indeed, but who dares taste this feast
Which Fiends provide perhaps to poison us?

Gonz Why that dare I, if the black Gentleman be so ill-natur'd, he may do his pleasure

Ant 'Tis certain we must eat or famish,
I will encounter it, and feed

Alonz If both resolve, I will adventure too

Gonz The Devil may fright me, yet he shall not starve me

[*Two Spirits descend and fly away with the Table*]

Alonz Heav'n! behold, it is as you suspected 'tis vanish'd

Shall we be always haunted with these Fiends?

Ant Here we shall wander till we famish

Gonz Certainly one of you was so wicked as to say Grace This comes on't, when Men will be Godly out of season

Ant Yonder's another Table, let's try that——

[*Exeunt*]

Enter Trincalo and Caliban

Trinc Brother Monster, welcome to my private Palace

But where's thy Sister, is she so brave a lass?

Calb In all this Isle there are but two more, the Daughters of the Tyrant *Prospero*; and she is bigger than 'em both O here she comes, now thou may'st judge thy self, my Lord

Enter Sycorax

Trinc She's monstrous fair indeed Is this to be my spouse? well, she's Heir of all this Isle (for I geld Monster) The *Trincalo's*, like other wise Men, have antiently us'd to marry for Estate more than for Beauty

Syc I prethee let me have the gay thing about thy neck, and that which dangles at thy wrist

[*Sycorax points to his Bosom's Whistle and his Bottle*]

Trinc My dear Blobber lips, this, observe my Chuck, is a badge of my Sea-office, my fair Fuss, thou dost not know it

Syc No, my dread Lord

Trinc It shall be a Whistle for our first Babe, and when the next Shipwrack puts me again to swimming, I'll dive to get a Coral to it

Syc I'll be thy pretty Child, and wear it first

Trinc I prethee, sweet Baby, do not Play the wanton, and cry for my goods e'r I'm dead When thou art my Widow, thou shalt have the Devil and all

Syc May I not have the other fine thing?

Trinc This is a Sucking-bottle for young *Trincalo*.

Calb Shall she not taste of that immortal Liquor?

Trinc Umph! that's another question. for if she be thus flipant in her Water, what will she be in her Wine?

[*Enter Ariel (invisible) and changes the Bottle which stands upon the ground*]

Ariel There's Water for your Wine

[*Exit Ariel*]

Trinc Well! since it must be so——

[*Gives her the Bottle*]

How do you like it now, my Queen that must be?

[*She drinks*]

Syc Is this your heavenly Liquor?

I'll bring you to a River of the same

Trinc Wilt thou so, Madam Monster? what a mighty Prince shall I be then? I would not change my Dukedom to be great Turk *Trincalo*

Syc This is the drink of Frogs.

Trinc Nay, if the Frogs of this Island drink such, they are the merriest Frogs in Christendom

Calib She does not know the vertue of this Liquor
 I prethee let me drink for her
Trinc Well said, Subject Monster [Caliban *drinks*
Calib My Lord, this is meer Water
Trinc 'Tis thou hast chang'd the Wine then, and drunk it up,
 Like a debauch'd Fish as thou art Let me see't
 I'll taste it my self Element ' meer Element ' as I live
 It was a cold gulp, such as this, which kill'd my famous
 Predecessor, old *Simon* the King
Calib How does thy honour? prethee be not angry, and I will lick thy shoe
Trinc I could find in my Heart to turn thee out of my Dominions for a Liquor-
 ish Monster
Calib O my Lord, I have found it out, this must be done by one of *Prospero's*
 Spirits
Trinc There's nothing but malice in these Devils, I would it had been Holy
 water for their sakes
Syc 'Tis no matter, I will cleave to thee
Trinc Lovingly said, in troth, now cannot I hold out against her.
 This Wife-like virtue of hers has overcome me
Syc Shall I have thee in my arms?
Trinc Thou shalt have Duke *Trincalo* in thy arms
 But prthee be not too boistrous with me at first,
 Do not discourage a young beginner [They embrace
 Stand to your Arms, my Spouse,
 And subject Monster, [Enter *Steph Must Vent.*
 The Enemy is come to surprise us in our Quarters
 You shall know, Rebels, that I am marri'd to a Witch,
 And we have a thousand Spirits of our Party.
Steph Hold! I ask a Truce, I and my Vice-Roys
 (Finding no food, and but a small remainder of Brandy)
 Are come to treat a Peace betwixt us,
 Which may be for the good of both Armies,
 Therefore *Trincalo*, disband
Trinc Plain *Trincalo*, methinks I might have been a Duke in your mouth,
 I'll not accept of your Embassie without my Title
Steph A Title shall break no squares betwixt us.
 Vice-Roys, give him his style of Duke, and treat with him,
 Whilst I walk by in state [Ventoso and Mustacho bow, whilst *Trincalo* puts on his Cap.
Must Our Lord and Master, Duke *Stephano*, has sent us
 In the first place to demand of you, upon what
 Ground you make War against him, having no right
 To govern here, as being elected only by
 Your own Voice.
Trinc To this I answer, that having in the face of the World
 Espous'd the lawful Inhertrix of this Island,
 Queen *Blouse* the First, and having homage done me,
 By this Hectoring Spark her Brother, from these two
 I claim a lawful Title to this Island.
Must Who that Monster? he a Hector?

Calb Lo' how he mocks me, wilt thou let him, my Lord?
Trinc Vice-Roys' keep good tongues in your heads,
 I advise you, and proceed to your business
Must First and foremost, as to your claim that you have answer'd
Vent But second and foremost, we demand of you,
 That if we make a Peace, the Butt also may be
 Comprehended in the Treaty
Trinc I cannot treat with my honour without your submission
Steph I understand, being present, from my Embassadors, what your resolution
 is, and ask an hour's time of deliberation, and so I take our leave, but first I desire
 to be entertain'd at your Butt, as becomes a Prince and his Embassadors
Trinc That I refuse, till acts of hostility be ceas'd
 These Rogues are rather Spies than Embassadors,
 I must take heed of my Butt They come to pry
 Into the secrets of my Dukedom
Vent *Trincalo*, you are a barbarous Prince, and so farewell
[*Exeunt* Steph Must Vent]
Trinc Subject Monster' stand you Centry before my Cellar, my Queen and I
 will enter, and feast our selves within [*Exeunt*]
Enter Ferdinand, Ariel and Milcha (invisible)
Ferd How far will this invisible Musician conduct
 My steps? he hovers still about me, whether
 For good or ill, I cannot tell, nor care I much,
 For I have been so long a slave to chance, that
 I'm as weary of her flatteries as her frowns
 But here I am——
Ariel Here I am
Ferd Hah! art thou so? the Spirit's turn'd an Echo:
 This might seem pleasant, could the burthen of my
 Grievs accord with any thing but sighs,
 And my last words, like those of dying men,
 Need no reply. Fain I would go to shades, where
 Few would wish to follow me
Ariel Follow me
Ferd This evil Spirit grows importunate,
 But I'll not take his counsel.
Ariel Take his counsel
Ferd It may be the Devil's counsel, I'll never take it.
Ariel. Take it.
Ferd I will discourse no more with thee,
 Nor follow one step further
Ariel One step further
Ferd. This must have more importance than an Echo.
 Some Spirit tempts to a precipice
 I'll try if it will answer when I sing
 My sorrows to the murmur of this Brook
He sings.

Arie

Go thy way
Go thy way

Ferd *Why shouldst thou stay ?*
 Ariel *Why should thou stay ?*
 Ferd *Where the winds whistle, and where the streams creep,
 Under yond Willow-tree, fain would I sleep.*
 *Then let me alone,
 For 'tis time to be gone*
 Ariel *For 'tis time to be gone*
 Ferd *What cares or pleasures can be in this Isle ?
 Within this desert place
 There lives no humane race ;
 Fate cannot frown here, nor kind fortune smile*
 Ariel *Kind Fortune smiles, and she
 Has yet in store for thee
 Some strange felicity
 Follow me, follow me,
 And thou shalt see*
 Ferd *I'll take thy word for once ,*
 Lead on Musician *[Exeunt and return.]*

SCENE IV. *The Cypress-Trees and Caves*

Scene changes, and discovers Prospero and Miranda.

Prospero Advance the fringed Curtains of thine Eyes, and say what thou seest
 yonder

Miranda Is it a Spirit ?
 Lord ! how it looks about ! Sir, I confess it carries a brave form
 But 'tis a Spirit

Prospero No Girl, it eats, and sleeps, and has such senses as we have This young
 Gallant, whom thou seest, was in the wrack, were he not somewhat stain'd with
 grief (Beauty's worst canker) thou might'st call him a goodly Person, he has lost his
 Company, and strays about to find 'em

Miranda I might call him a thing Divine, for nothing natural I ever saw so
 noble

Prospero It goes on as my Soul prompts it, Spirit, fine Spirit I'll free thee within
 two days for this.

Ferdinand She's sure the Mistriss on whom these Airs attend. Fair Excellence, if,
 as your form declares, you are Divine, be pleas'd to instruct me how you will be wor-
 ship'd, so bright a beauty cannot sure belong to humane kind

Miranda I am, like you, a Mortal, if such you are

Ferdinand My language too ! O Heav'ns ! I am the best of them who speak the
 Speech when I'm in my own Country

Prospero How, the best ? What wert thou if the Duke of *Savoy* heard thee ?

Ferdinand As I am now, who wonders to hear thee speak of *Savoy* : he does hear
 me, and that he does I weep, my self am *Savoy*, whose fatal Eyes (e'r since at ebb)
 beheld the Duke my Father wrack'd

Miranda Alack ! for pity

Prospero At the first sight they have chang'd Eyes, dear *Ariel*
 I'll set thee free for this—young Sir, a word.

With hazard of your self you do me wrong

Miranda Why speaks my Father so urgently ?

This is the third Man that e'r I saw, the first whom
E'r I sigh'd for, sweet Heaven move my Father
To be inclin'd my way

Ferd O' if a Virgin' and your affections not gone forth,
I'll make you Mistriss of *Savoy*

Prosp Soft, Sir' one word more
They are in each others power, but this swift
Bus'ness I must uneasie make, lest too light
Winning make the prize light—one word more
Thou usup'st the name not due to thee, and hast
Put thy self upon this Island as a Spy to get the
Government from me the Lord of it

Ferd. No, as I'm a Man

Mir There's nothing ill can dwell in such a Temple
If th' evil Spirit hath so fair a House,
Good things will strive to dwell with it

Prosp No more, Speak not for him, he's a Traytor.
Come! thou art my Pris'ner, and shalt be in
Bonds Sea-water shalt thou drink, thy food
Shall be the fresh-Brook Muscles, wither'd Roots,
And Husks, wherein the Acorn crawl'd, follow

Ferd No, I will resist such entertainment,
Till my Enemy has more power [He draws, and is charm'd from moving]

Mir. O dear Father' make not too rash a trial
Of him, for he's gentle, and not fearful

Prosp. My Child, my Tutor' put thy Sword up, Traytor
Who mak'st a show, but dar'st not strike thy
Conscience is possess'd with guilt Come from
Thy Ward, for I can here disarm thee with
This Wand, and make thy Weapon drop

Mir 'Beseech you Father

Prosp Hence. hang not on my Garment

Mir. Sir, have pity,
I'll be his Surety.

Prosp. Silence' one word more shall make me chide thee
If not hate thee what, an Advocate for an
Impostor? sure thou think'st there are no more
Such shapes as his?

To the most of Men this is a *Caliban*,
And they to him are Angels

Mir My affections are then most humble,
I have no ambition to see a goodlier Man

Prosp Come on, obey.
Thy Nerves are in their infancy again, and have
No vigour in them

Ferd. So they are
My Spirits, as in a Dream, and all bound up
My Father's loss, the weakness which I feel,
The wrack of all my Friends, and this Man's threats,

To whom I am subdu'd, would seem light to me,
Might I but once a day through my Prison behold this Maid
All corners else o' th' Earth let liberty make use of
I have space enough in such a Prison

Pros It works come on

Thou hast done well, fine *Ariel* follow me
Heark what thou shalt more do for me

[*Whispers Ariel.*]

Mir Be of comfort !

My Father's of a better nature, Sir,
Than he appears by Speech this is unwonted
Which now came from him

Thou shalt be as free as Mountain Winds
But then exactly do all points of my Command

Ariel To a syllable.

[*Exit Ariel*]

Pros to *Mir* Go in that way, speak not a word for him
I'll separate you

[*Exit Miranda.*]

Ferd As soon thou may'st divide the Waters,
When thou strik'st 'em, which pursue thy bootless blow,
And meet when 'tis past

Pros Go practise your Philosophy within,
And if you are the same you speak your self,
Bear your afflictions like a Prince——That door
Shews you your Lodging

Ferd 'Tis in vain to strive, I must obey

[*Exit Ferd*]

Pros This goes as would wish it

Now for my second care *Hippolito*
I shall not need to chide him for his fault,
His Passion is become his punishment
Come forth, *Hippolito*

Hip Ent'ring 'Tis *Prospero's* Voice

Pros *Hippolito* ! I know you now expect I should severely chide you you
have seen a Woman in contempt of my commands

Hip But, Sir, you see I am come off unharm'd,
I told you, that you need not doubt my Courage

Pros You think you have receiv'd no hurt ?

Hip No, none, Sir

Try me agen, when e'r you please I'm ready
I think I cannot fear an Army of 'em

Pros How much in vain it is to bridle Nature !

[*Aside*]

Well ! what was the success of your encounter ?

Hip Sir, we had none, we yielded both at first,
For I took her to mercy, and she me

Pros But are you not much chang'd from what you were ?

Hip Methinks I wish and wish ! for what I know not,
But still I wish——yet if I had that Woman
She, I believe, could tell me what I wish for.

Pros What wou'd you do to make that Woman yours ?

Hip I'd quit the rest o' th' World that I might live alone with

Her, she never should be from me

We two would sit and look till our Eyes ak'd

Prosp You'd soon be weary of her

Hip O, Sir, never

Prosp But you'll grow old and wrinkl'd, as you see me now,

And then you will not care for her

Hip You may do what you please, but, Sir, we two can never possibly grow old;

Prosp You must, *Hippolito*

Hip Whether we will or no, Sir, who shall make us?

Prosp Nature, which made me so

Hip But you have told me her works are various,

She made you old, but she has made us young

Prosp Time will convince you

Mean while be sure you tread in honours paths,

That you may merit her And that you may not want

Fit occasions to employ your virtue, in this next

Cave there is a stranger lodg'd, one of your kind,

Young, of a noble presence, and, as he says himself,

Of Princely birth, he is my Pris'ner, and in deep

Affliction visit, and comfort him, it will become you.

Hip It is my duty, Sir

[*Exit Hippolito*]

Prosp True, he has seen a Woman, yet he lives, perhaps I took the moment of his birth amiss, perhaps my Art it self is false on what strange ground we build our hopes and fears, Man's Life is all a mist, and in the dark our Fortunes meet us If fate be not, then what can we foresee?

Or how can we avoid it, if it be?

If by free-will in our own paths we move,

How are we bounded by Decrees above?

Whether we drive, or whether we are driven,

If ill, 'tis ours; if good, the act of Heaven

[*Exit Prospero*]

Scene, a Cave

Enter Hippolito and Ferdinand

Ferd. Your pity, noble youth doth much oblige me,

Indeed 'twas sad to lose a Father so

Hip I, and an onely Father too, for sure you
You had but one

Ferd But one Father, he's wondrous simple!

[*Aside*]

Hip. Are such misfortunes frequent in your World,
Where many men live

Ferd Such are we born to

But, gentle Youth, as you have question'd me,

So give me leave to ask you, what you are?

Hip. Do not you know?

Ferd. How should I?

Hip. I well hop'd I was a Man, but by your ignorance
Of what I am, I fear it is not so:

Well, *Prospero*! this is now the second time

You have deceiv'd me

Ferd Sir, there is no doubt you are a Man:

But I would know of whence ?

Hip Why, of this World, I never was in yours

Ferd Have you a Father ?

Hip I was told I had one, and that he was a Man, yet I have been so much deceived, I dare not tell't you for a truth, but I have still been kept a Prisoner for fear of Women

Ferd They indeed are dangerous, for since I came, I have beheld one here, whose Beauty pierc'd my heart

Hip How did she pierce, you seem not hurt

Ferd Alas ! the wound was made by her bright Eyes,
And festers by her absence

But, to speak plainer to you, Sir, I love her

Hip Now I suspect that love's the very thing, that I feel too ' pray tell me truly,
Sir, are you not grown unquiet since you saw her ?

Ferd I take no rest

Hip Just, just my disease

Do you not wish you do not know for what ?

Ferd O no ! I know too well for what I wish

Hip There, I confess, I differ from you, Sir .

But you desire she may be always with you ?

Ferd I can have no felicity without her

Hip Just my condition ! alas, gentle Sir,
I'll pity you, and you shall pity me

Ferd I love so much, that if I have her not,
I find I cannot live

Hip How ! do you love her ?

And would you have her too ? that must not be
For none but I must have her

Ferd But perhaps we do not love the same
All Beauties are not pleasing alike to all

Hip Why are there more fair Women, Sir,
Besides that one I love ?

Ferd That's a strange question There are many more besides that Beauty
which you love

Hip I will have all of that kind, if there be a hundred of 'em

Ferd But, noble Youth, you know not what you say.

Hip Sir, they are things I love, I cannot be without 'em .

O, how I rejoyce ! more Women !

Ferd Sir, if you love, you must be ty'd to one.

Hip Ty'd ! how ty'd to her ?

Ferd To love none but her

Hip But, Sir, I find it is against my nature
I must love where I like, and I believe I may like all
All that are fair come ! bring me to this Woman,
For I must have her

Ferd His simplicity

Is such that I can scarce be angry with him.
Perhaps, sweet Youth, when you beheld her,
You will find you do not love her.

[*Aside*]

Hip I find already I love because she is another Woman
Ferd You cannot love two Women both at once
Hip Sure 'tis my duty to love all who do resemble
 Her whom I've already seen I'll have as many as I can,
 That are so good, and Angel like, as she I love,
 And will have yours
Ferd Pretty Youth, you cannot
Hip I can do any thing for that I love
Ferd I may, perhaps, by force, restrain you from it
Hip Why do so if you can But either promise me
 To love no Woman, or you must try your force
Ferd I cannot help it, I must love
Hip Well you may love, for *Prospero* taught me Friendship too you shall love
 me and other Men if you can find 'em, but all the Angel-women shall be mine
Ferd I must break off this Conference, or he will
 Urge me else beyond what I can bear
 Sweet Youth! some other time we will speak
 Farther concerning both our loves, at present
 I am indispos'd with weariness and grief,
 And would, if you are pleas'd, retire a while
Hip Some other time be it? but, Sir, remember
 That I both seek and much intreat your Friendship,
 For next to Women, I find I can love you
Ferd I thank you, Sir, I will consider of it [Exit Ferdinand
Hip This stranger does insult, and comes into my
 World to take those heavenly beauties from me,
 Which I believe I am inspir'd to love,
 And yet he said he did desire but one
 He would be poor in love, but I'll be rich
 I now perceive that *Prospero* was cunning,
 For when he frighted me from Woman-kind,
 Those precious things he for himself design'd [Exit

ACT IV SCENE I

*Cypress-Trees and Cave.**Enter Prospero and Miranda*

Prosp **Y**our suit has pity in't, and has prevail'd
 Within this Cave he lies, and you may see him.
 But yet take heed, let Prudence be your Guide,
 You must not stay, your visit must be short [She's going
 One thing I had forgot, insinuate into his mind,
 A kindness to that Youth, whom first you saw
 I would have Friendship grow betwixt 'em
Mir You shall be obey'd in all things
Prosp. Be earnest to unite their very Souls.
Mir I shall endeavour it
Prosp This may secure *Hippolito* from that dark danger which my Art fore
 bodes, for Friendship does provide a double strength t' oppose the assaults of For
 tune [Exit Prospero

Enter Ferdinand

Ferd To be Prisoner where I dearly love, is but a double tie, a Link of Fortune join'd to the Chain of Love, but not to see her, and yet to be so near her, there's the hardship I feel my self as on a Rack, stretch'd out, and nigh the ground, on which I might have ease, yet cannot reach it

Mir Sir! my Lord! where are you?

Ferd Is it your Voice, my Love? or do I dream?

Mir Speak softly, it is I

Ferd O Heavenly Creature! ten times more gentle than your Father's Cruel, how, on a sudden, all my griefs are vanish'd!

Mir How do you bear your Prison?

Ferd 'Tis my Palace while you are here, and love and silence wait upon our wishes, do but think we chuse it, and 'tis what we would chuse

Mir I'm sure what I would

But how can I be certain that you love me?

Look to't, for I will die when you are false

I've heard my Father tell of Maids, who dy'd

And haunted their false Lovers with their Ghosts

Ferd Your Ghosts must take another form to fright me,

This shape will be too pleasing do I love you?

O Heaven! O Earth! bear witness to this sound,

If I prove false——

Mir Oh hold, you shall not swear,

For Heav'n will hate you if you prove forsworn

Ferd Did I not love, I could no more endure this undeserv'd Captivity, than I could wish to gain my freedom with the loss of you

Mir I am a Fool to weep at what I'm glad of but I have a suit to you, and that, Sir, shall be now the only trial of your love

Ferd Y'ave said enough, never to be deny'd, were it my life, for you have far o'rbid the price of all that humane life is worth

Mir Sir, 'tis to love one for my sake, who for his own deserves all the respect which you can ever pay him

Ferd You mean your Father do not think his usage can make me hate him, when he gave you being, he then did that which cancell'd all these wrongs

Mir I meant not him, for that was a request, which if you love, I should not need to urge

Ferd Is there another whom I ought to love?

And love him for your sake?

Mir Yes such a one, who, for his sweetness and his goodly shape (if I, who am unskill'd in forms, may judge), I think can scarce be equal'd
'Tis a Youth, a Stranger too as you are

Ferd Of such a graceful feature, and must I for your sake love?

Mir Yes, Sir, do you scruple to grant the first request I ever made? he's wholly unacquainted with the World, and wants your Conversation You should have compassion on so meek a stranger.

Ferd Those need compassion whom you discommend, not whom you praise

Mir Come you must love him for my sake. you shall.

Ferd Must I for yours, and cannot for my own?

Either you do not love, or think that I do not

But when you bid me love him, I must hate him

Mir Have I so far offended you already,
That he offends you only for my sake?
Yet sure you would not hate him, if you saw
Him as I have done, so full of youth and beauty

Ferd O poison to my hopes!
When he did visit me, and I did mention this
Beauteous Creature to him, he did then tell me
He would have her

[*Aside.*

Mir Alas what mean you?

Ferd It is too plain like most of her frail Sex, she's false,
But has not learn'd the art to hide it,
Nature has done her part, she loves variety
Why did I think that any Woman could be innocent,
Because she's young? No, no, their Nurses teach them
Change, when with two Nipples they divide their
Liking

Mir I fear I have offended you, and yet I meant no harm
But if you please to hear me——
Heark, Sir! now I am sure my Father's comes, I know
His steps, dear Love, retire a while, I fear
I've staid too long

[*A noise within*

Ferd Too long indeed, and yet not long enough Oh Jealousie!
Oh Love! how you distract me?

[*Exit Ferdinand*

Mir He appears displeas'd with that young man, I know
Not why but, till I find from whence his hate proceeds,
I must conceal it from my Father's knowledge,
For he will think that guiltless I have caus'd it,
And suffer me no more to see my Love

[*Enter Prospero*

Prosp Now I have been indulgent to your wish,
You have seen the Prisoner

Mir Yes

Prosp And he spake to you?

Mir He spoke, but he receiv'd short answers from me

Prosp How like you his converse?

Mir At second sight

A Man does not appear so rare a Creature.

Prosp *Aside* I find she loves him much because she hides it.
Love teaches cunning even to innocence Well go in.

Mir *Aside* Forgive me, truth, for thus disguising thee, if I can make him think
I do not Love the stranger much, he'll let me see him oftner

[*Exit Miranda*

Prosp Stay! stay!—I had forgot to ask her what she had said
Of young *Hippolito*! Oh! here he comes! and with him

My *Dorinda* I'll not be seen, let

[*Enter Hippolito and Dorinda.*

Their loves grow in secret.

[*Exit Prospero.*

Hip But why are you so sad?

Dor But why are you so joyful?

Hip I have within me all the various Musick of
The Woods Since last I saw you, I have heard brave news!

I'll tell you, and make you joyful for me

Dor Sir, when I saw you first, I, through my Eyes, drew
Something in, I know not what it is,
But still it entertains me with such thoughts,
As makes me doubtful whether joy becomes me

Hyp Pray believe me,
As I'm a Man, I'll tell you blessed news,
I have heard there are more Women in the World,
As fair as you too

Dor Is this your news? you see it moves not me

Hyp And I'll have 'em all

Dor What will become of me then?

Hyp I'll have you too

But are not you acquainted with these Women?

Dor I never saw but one

Hyp Is there but one here?

This is a base poor World, I'll go to th' other,
I've heard Men have abundance of 'em there
But pray where is that one Woman?

Dor Who, my Sister?

Hyp Is she your Sister? I'm glad o' that you shall help me to her, and I'll
love you for't [Offers to take her hand]

Dor Away! I will not have you touch my hand
My Father's counsel which enjoin'd reservedness, [Aside]
Was not in vain, I see

Hyp. What makes you shun me?

Dor You need not care, you'll have my Sister's hand

Hyp Why, must not he who touches hers, touch yours?

Dor. You mean to love her too

Hyp Do not you love her?

Then why should not I do so?

Dor She is my Sister, and therefore I must love her.

But you cannot love both of us

Hyp I warrant you I can

Oh that you had more Sisters!

Dor You may love her, but then I'll not love you.

Hyp O but you must,

One is enough for you, but not for me.

Dor My Sister told me she had seen another,
A Man like you, and she lik'd only him,
Therefore if one must be enough for her,
He is that one, and then you cannot have her

Hyp If she like him, she may like both of us

Dor. But how if I should change and like that Man?
Would you be willing to perr 'hat change?

Hyp. No, for you lik'd me first.

Dor So you did me

Hyp But I would never have you see that Man;
I cannot bear it

Dor I'll see neither of you
Hip Yes, me you may, for we are now acquainted;
 But he's the Man of whom your Father warn'd you
 O! he's a terrible, huge, monstrous Creature,
 I am but a Woman to him
Dor I will see him,
 Except you'll promise not to see my Sister
Hip Yes, for your sake, I needs must see your Sister
Dor But she's a terrible, huge Creature too, if I were not
 Her Sister, she would eat me, therefore take heed
Hip I heard that she was fair, and like you
Dor No, indeed, she s like my Father, with a great Beard,
 ' I would fright you to look on her,
 Therefore that Man and she may go together,
 They are fit for no body, but one another
Hip looking in Yonder he comes with glaring Eyes, fly! fly! before he sees
 you
Dor Must we part so soon?
Hip Y' are a lost Woman if you see him
Dor I would not willingly be lost, for fear you
 Should not find me, I'll avoid him [Exit Dorinda
Hip She fain would have deceived me, but I know her
 Sister must be fair, for she's a Woman,
 All of a kind that I have seen are like to one
 Another. all the Creatures of the Rivers and the Woods are so. [Enter Ferd.
Ferd O! well encounter'd, you are the happy Man!
 have got the hearts of both the beauteous Women
Hip How! Sir? pray are you sure on't?
Ferd One of 'em charg'd me to love you for her sake
Hip Then I must have her
Ferd No, not till I am dead
Hip How dead? what's that? But whatsoe'r it be,
 I long to have her
Ferd Time and my grief may make me die
Hip But for a Friend you should make haste; I ne'r ask'd
 Any thing of you before
Ferd I see your Ignorance,
 And therefore will instruct you in my meaning
 The Woman, whom I love, saw you, and lov'd you.
 Now, Sir, if you love her, you'll cause my Death
Hip Be sure I'll do't then.
Ferd But I am your Friend;
 And I request you that you would not love her.
Hip When Friends request unreasonable things,
 Sure th' are to be deny'd. you say she's fair,
 And I must love all who are fair; for, to tell
 You a secret, Sir, which I have lately found
 Within my self, they're all made for me
Ferd That's but a fond conceit you are made for one, and one for you

Hip You cannot tell me, Sir,
 I know I'm made for twenty hundred Women
 (I mean if there be so many i' th' World)
 So that if once I see her, I shall love her
Ferd Then do not see her
Hip Yes, Sir, I must see her
 For I would fain have my heart beat again,
 Just as it did when I first saw her Sister
Ferd I find I must not let you see her then
Hip How will you hinder me?
Ferd By force of Arms
Hip By force of Arms?
 My Arms perhaps may be as strong as yours
Ferd He's still so ignorant that I pity him, and fain
 Would avoid Force pray do not see her, she was
 Mine first, you have no right to her
Hip I have not yet consider'd what is right, but, Sir
 I know my inclinations, are to love all Women
 And I have been taught, that to dissemble what I
 Think, is base In honour then of truth, I must
 Declare that I do love, and I will see your Woman
Ferd Wou'd you be willing I should see and love your
 Woman, and endeavour to seduce her from that
 Affection which she vow'd to you?
Hip I would not you should do it, but if she should
 Love you best, I cannot hinder her
 But, Sir, for fear she shou'd, I will provide against
 The worst, and try to get your Woman
Ferd But I pretend no claim at all to yours,
 Besides you are more beautiful than I,
 And fitter to allure unpractis'd hearts
 Therefore I once more beg you will not see her
Hip I'm glad you let me know I have such beauty
 If that will get me Women,
 I'll never want 'em
Ferd Then since you have refus'd this act of Friendship,
 Provide your self a Sword, for we must fight
Hip A Sword, what's that?
Ferd Why such a thing as this
Hip What should I do with it
Ferd You must stand thus, and push against me,
 While I push at you, till one of us fall dead.
Hip This is brave sport,
 But we have no Swords growing in our World.
Ferd What shall we do then to decide our quarrel?
Hip We'll take the Sword by turns, and fight with it
Ferd Strange Ignorance! you must defend your life,
 And so must I but since you have no Sword,
 Take this, for in a corner of my Cave

[Gives him his Sword.]

She wants a little breeding, but she's hearty

Must *Ventoso*, here's to thee Is it not better to pierce the Butt, than to quarrel
and pierce one another's Bellies?

Vent Let it come, Boy

Trinc Now would I lay greatness aside, and shake my heels, if I had but
Musick

Calib O my Lord ! my Mother left us in her Will a hundred Spirits to attend us,
Devils of all sorts, some great roaring Devils, and some little singing Sprights

Syc Shall we call ? and thou shalt hear them in the air

Trinc I accept the motion let us have our Mother in law's Legacy immediately

Calib sings *We want Musick, we want Mirth,
Up, Dam, and cleave the Earth
We have now no Lords that wrong us,
Send thy merry Sprights among us*

Trinc What a merry Tyrant am I, to have my
Musick, and pay nothing for't ?

*[A Table rises, and four Spirits with Wine and Meat enter,
placing it, as they dance, on the Table The Dance ended,
the Bottles vanish, and the Table sinks agen]*

Vent The Bottle's drunk.

Must. Then the Bottle's a weak shallow Fellow, if it be drunk first

Trinc *Stephano*, give me thy hand.

Thou hast been a Rebel, but here's to thee *[Drinks]*

Prithce why should we quarrel ? shall I swear

Two Oaths ? By Bottle, and by Butt I love thee.

In witness whereof I drink soundly

Steph. Your Grace shall find there's no love lost,
For I will pledge you soundly

Trinc Thou hast been a false Rebel, but that's all one,
Pledge my Grace faithfully

Trinc *Caliban*,
Go to the Butt, and tell me how it sounds.

Peer *Stephano*, dost thou love me ?

Steph. I love your Grace, and all your Princely Family

Trinc 'Tis no matter if thou lov'st me ? hang my Family.

Thou art my Friend, prithce tell me what

Thou think'st of my Princess ?

Steph. I look on her, as on a very noble Princess

Trinc Noble ? Indeed she had a Witch to her Mother, and the Witches are of
great Families in *Lapland*, but the Devil was her Father, and I have heard of the
Mounsor *De-Viles* in *France* ; but look on her Beauty, is she a fit Wife for Duke
Trincalo ? mark her Behaviour too, she's tipling yonder with the Serving men

Steph An't please your Grace, she's somewhat homely, but that's no blemish in
a Princess She is Virtuous

Trinc. Umph ! Virtuous ! I am loath to disparage her
To tell thee true, I marri'd her to be a great Man, and so forth. but make no words
on't, for I care not who knows it, and so here's to thee agen. Give me the Bottle,
Caliban ! did you knock the Butt ? how does it sound ?

- Calib* It sounds as though it had a noise within
Trinc I fear the Butt begins to rattle in the throat, and is departing give me the Bottle [Drinks]
Must A short life and a merry, I say [Steph whispers Sycorax
Syc But did he tell you so?
Steph He said you were as ugly as your Mother, and that he Marry'd you only to get possession of the Island
Syc My Mother's Devils fetch him for't
Steph And your Father's too Hem! Skink about his Grace's health agen O if you will but cast an Eye of pity upon me——
Syc I will cast two Eyes of pity on thee I love thee more than Haws, or Black berries, I have a hoard of Wildings in the Moss, my Brother knows not of 'em, but I'll bring thee where they are
Steph *Trincalo* was but my Man when time was
Syc Wert thou his God, and didst thou give him Liquor?
Steph I gave him Brandy, and drunk sack my self Wilt thou leave him, and thou shalt be my Princess?
Syc If thou canst make me glad with this Liquor
Steph I'll warrant thee we'll ride into the Country where it grows
Syc How wilt thou carry me thither?
Steph Upon a Hackney-Devil of thy Mothers
Trinc What's that you will do? hah! I hope you have not betray'd me? how does my Pigs-nye? [To Sycorax
Syc Be gone! thou shalt not be my Lord, thou say'st I'm ugly
Trinc Did you tell her so——hah! he's a Rogue, do not believe him, Chuck
Steph The foul words were yours. I will not ear 'em for you
Trinc I see if once a Rebel, then ever a Rebel Did I receive thee into Grace for this? I will correct thee with my Royal Hand [Strikes Stephano
Syc Dost thou hurt my Love? [Flies at Trincalo
Trinc Where are our Guards? Treason! Treason!
[Vent, Must Calib run betwixt
Vent Who took up Arms first, the Prince or the People?
Trinc This false Traitor has corrupted the Wife of my Bosom [Whispers Mustacho hastily.
Mustacho, strike on my side, and thou shalt be my Vice-Roy
Must I'm against Rebels! *Ventoso*, obey your Vice-Roy.
Vent You a Vice-Roy? [They two fight off from the rest.
Steph Hah! Hector Monster! do you stand neuter?
Calib Thou would'st drink my Liquor, I will not help thee.
Syc 'Twas his doing that I had such a husband, but I'll claw him
[Syc. and Calib fight; Syc beating him off the Stage
Trinc The whole Nation is up en Arms, and shall I stand idle?
[Trincalo beats off Stephano to the door Exit Stephano
I'll not pursue too far, for fear the Enemy should rally agen, and surprise my Butt in the Citadel, well I must be rid of my Lady *Trincalo*, she will be in the Fashion else, first, Cuckold her Husband, and then sue for a Separation, to get Alimony
[Exit.

SCENE III *The Cypress trees and Cave*

Enter Ferdinand, Hippolito, (with their swords drawn).

Ferd Come, Sir, our Cave affords no choice of place,
But the ground's firm and even are you ready?

Hip As ready as your self, Sir

Ferd You remember on what conditions we must fight,
Who first receives a wound is to submit

Hip Come, come, this loses time, now for the
Women, Sir *[They fight a little, Ferdinand hurts him.]*

Ferd Sir, you are wounded

Hip No

Ferd Believe your blood

Hip I feel no hurt, no matter for my blood

Ferd Remember our Conditions

Hip I'll not leave, till my Sword hits you too

[Hip presses on Ferd retires and waras.]

Ferd I'm loth to kill you, you are unskilful, Sir.

Hip You beat aside my Sword, but let it come as near
As yours, and you shall see my skill

Ferd You faint for loss of blood I see you stagger:
Pray, Sir, retire

Hip No! I will ne'r go back——

Methinks the Cave turns round, I cannot find——

Ferd Your Eyes begin to dazle

Hip Why do you swim so, and dance about me?

Stand but still till I have made one thrust *[Hippolito, thrusts and falls.]*

Ferd O help, help, help!

Unhappy Man! what have I done?

Hip I'm going to a cold sleep, but when I wake,
I'll fight agen Pray stay for me *[Swords.]*

Ferd He's gone! he's gone! O stay, sweet lovely Youth!
Help! help! *[Enter Prospero]*

Prosp What dismal noise is that?

Ferd O see, Sir, see!

What mischief my unhappy hand has wrought

Prosp. Alas! how much in vain doth feeble Art endeavour
To resist the will of Heaven? *[Rubs Hippolito.]*

He's gone for ever. O thou cruel Son of an
Inhumane Father! all my designs are ruin'd
And unravell'd by this blow

No pleasure now is left me but revenge.

Ferd. Sir, if you knew my innocence——

Prosp Peace, peace,

Can thy excuses give me back his life?

What, *Ariel*? sluggish Spirit, where art thou? *[Enter Ariel.]*

Ariel Here, at thy beck, my Lord.

Prosp I, now thou com'st, when Fate is past and not to be
Recall'd. Look there, and glut the malice of

Thy Nature For as thou art thy self, thou
 Canst not but be glad to see young Virtue
 Nipt i' th' Blossom

Ariel My Lord, the *Being* high above can witness
 I am not glad, we Airy Spirits are not of a temper
 So malicious as the Earthy,
 But of a Nature more approaching good
 For which we meet in swarms, and often combat
 Betwixt the Confines of the Air and Earth

Prosp Why did'st thou not prevent, at least foretel,
 This fatal action then?

Ariel Pardon, great Sir,
 I meant to do it, but I was forbidden
 By the ill Genius of *Hippolito*,
 Who came and threaten'd me, if I disclos'd it,
 To bind me in the bottom of the Sea,
 Far from the lightsome Regions of the Air,
 (My Native Fields) above a hundred years.

Prosp I'll Chain thee in the North for thy neglect,
 Within the burning Bowels of Mount *Hesla*,
 I'll singe thy airy Wings with sulph'rous flames,
 And choak thy tender nostrils with blew smoak,
 At ev'ry Hickup of the belching Mountain,
 Thou shalt be lifted up to taste fresh air,
 And then fall down agen

Ariel Pardon, dread Lord

Prosp No more of pardon than just Heav'n intends thee
 Shalt thou e'r find from me hence ' fly with speed,
 Unbind the Charms which hold this Murderer's
 Father, and bring him, with my Brother, streight
 Before me

Ariel Mercy, my potent Lord, and I'll outfly thy thought

[*Exit Ariel*]

Ferd O Heavens! what words are those I heard?
 Yet cannot see who spok 'em sure the Woman
 Whom I lov'd was like this, some airy Vision

Prosp No, Murd'rer, she's, like thee, of mortal mould,
 But much too pure to mix with thy black Crimes,
 Yet she had faults, and must be punish'd for 'em
Miranda and *Dorinda*! where are ye?

The will of Heaven's accomplish'd I have
 Now no more to fear, and nothing left to hope,
 Now you may enter

[*Enter Miranda and Dorinda*]

Mir My Love! is it permitted me to see you once agen?

Prosp. You come to look your last; I will
 For ever take him from your Eyes
 But, on my blessing, speak not, nor approach him

Dor Pray, Father, is not this my Sister's Man?
 He has a noble form, but yet he's not so excellent
 As my *Hippolito*

Prosp Alas, poor Girl, thou hast no Man look yonder,
There's all of him that's left

Dor Why, was there ever any more of him?
He lies asleep, Sir, shall I waken him? [*She kneels by Hippolito and jogs him.*]

Ferd Alas! he's never to be wak'd agen

Dor My Love, my Love! will you not speak to me?
I fear you have displeas'd him, Sir, and now
He will not answer me, he's dumb and cold too,
But I'll run streight, and make a fire to warm him [*Exit Dorinda running.*]

Enter Alonzo, Gonzalo, Antonio Ariel (invisible).

Alonz Never were Beasts so hunted into Toils,
As we have been pursu'd by dreadful shapes
But is not that my Son? O *Ferdinand*!
If thou art not a Ghost, let me embrace thee

Ferd My Father! O sinister happiness! Is it
Decreed I should recover you alive, just in that
Fatal hour when this brave Youth is lost in Death,
And by my hand?

Ant Heaven! what new wonder's this?

Gonz This Isle is full of nothing else

Prosp You stare upon me as
You ne'r had seen me Have fifteen years
So lost me to your knowledge, that you retain
No memory of *Prospero*?

Gonz The good old Duke of *Milain*!

Prosp I wonder less, that thou, *Antonio*, know'st me not,
Because thou didst long since forget I was thy Brother,
Else I never had been here

Ant Shame choaks my words

Alonz And wonder mine

Prosp For you, usurping Prince, [*To Alonzo*]
Know, by my Art, you were Shipwrack'd on this Isle,
Where, after I a while had punish'd you, my vengeance
Wou'd have ended; I design'd to match that Son
Of yours, with this my Daughter.

Alonz Pursue it still, I am most willing to't

Prosp So am not I. No Marriages can prosper
Which are with Murderers made, Look on that Corps:
This, whilst he liv'd, was young *Hippolito*, that
Infant Duke of *Mantua*; Sir, whom you, expos'd
With me, and here I bred him up, till that bloud-thirsty
Man, that *Ferdinand*—

But why do I exclaim on him, when Justice calls
To unsheath her Sword against his guilt?

Alonz What do you mean?

Prosp To execute Heav'n's Laws
Here I am plac'd by Heav'n, here I am Prince,
Thought you have dispossest me of my *Milain*.

Bloud calls for bloud, your *Ferdinand* shall die,
 And I, in bitterness, have sent for you,
 To have the sudden joy of seeing him alive,
 And then the greater grief to see him die

Alonz And think'st thou I, or these, will tamely stand,
 To view the Execution? [Lays hand upon his Sword]

Ferd Hold, dear Father! I cannot suffer you
 T' attempt against his life, who gave her being
 Whom I love

Prosp Nay then appear my Guards——
 I thought no more to use their aid,
 (I'm curs'd because I us'd it) [He stamps, and many Spirits appear]
 But they are now the Ministers of Heaven,
 Whilst I revenge this Murder

Alonz Have I for this found thee, my Son so soon, agen,
 To lose thee? *Antonio, Gonzalo*, speak for pity

Ferd to Mir Adieu, my fairest Mistriss

Mir Now I can hold no longer, I must speak
 Though I am loth to disobey you, Sir,
 Be not so cruel to the Man I love,
 Or be so kind to let me suffer with him

Ferd. Recal that Pray'r, or I shall wish to live,
 Though death be all the mends that I can make

Prosp. This night I will allow you, *Ferdinand*, to fit
 You for your death, that Cave's your Prison

Alonz Ah, *Prospero*! hear me speak You are a Father
 Look on my Age, and look upon his Youth

Prosp No more! all you can say is urg'd in vain
 I have no room for pity left with me

Do you refuse? help *Ariel*, with your Fellows,
 To drive 'em in *Alonso* and his Son bestow in
 Yonder Cave, and here *Gonzalo* shall with

Antonio lodge [Spirits drive 'em in, as they are appointed.]

Enter Dorinda.

Dor Sir, I have made a fire, shall he be warm'd?

Prosp He's dead, and vital warmth will ne'er return.

Dor Dead! Sir, what's that?

Prosp His Soul has left his Body

Dor When will it come agen?

Prosp O never, never!

He must be laid in Earth, and there consume

Dor. He shall not lie in Earth, you do not know
 How well he loves me indeed he'll come agen,
 He told me he would go a little while,
 But promis'd me he would not tarry long

Prosp He's murder'd by the Man who lov'd your Sister.
 Now both of you may see what 'us to break
 A Father's Precept; you would needs see Men, and by
 That sight are made for ever wretched.

Hippolito is dead, and *Ferdinand* must die

For murd'ring him

Mir Have you no pity?

Prosp Your disobedience has so much incens'd me, that

I this night can leave no blessing with you

Help to convey the Body to my Couch,

Then leave me to mourn over it alone [*They bear off the Body of Hippolito*

Enter Miranda and Dorinda again, Ariel behind 'em

Ariel I've been so chid for my neglect, by *Prospero*,

That I must now watch all, and be unseen

Mir Sister, I say agen, 'twas long of you

That all this mischief happen'd

Dor Blame not me for your own fault, your

Curiosity brought me to see the Man

Mir You safely might have seen him, and retir'd, but

You wou'd needs go near him, and converse you may

Remember my Father call'd me thence, and I call'd you

Dor That was your envy, Sister, not your love,

You call'd me thence, because you could not be

Alone with him your self, but I am sure my

Man had never gone to Heaven so soon, but

That yours made him go

Mir Sister, I could not wish that either of 'em shou'd

Go to Heaven without us, but it was his Fortune,

And you must be satisfi'd

Dor I'll not be satisfi'd my Father says he'll make

Your Man as cold as mine is now, and when he

Is made cold, my Father will not let you strive

To make him warm agen

Mir In spite of you mine never shall be cold

Dor I'm sure 'twas he that made me miserable,

And I will be reveng'd Perhaps you think 'tis

Nothing to lose a Man

Mir Yes, but there is some difference betwixt

My *Ferdinand*, and your *Hippolito*.

Dor I, there's your judgment Your's is the oldest

Man I ever saw, except it were my Father

Mir Sister, no more It is not comely in a Daughter,

When she says her Father's old

Dor But why do I stay here, whilst my cold Love

Perhaps may want me?

I'll pray my Father to make yours cold too

Mir Sister, I'll never sleep with you again

Dor I'll never more meet in a bed with you,

But lodge on the bare ground, and watch my Love.

Mir And at the entrance of that Cave I'll lie,

And echo to each blast of wind a sigh

[*Exeunt severally, looking discontentedly on one another*]

Ariel Harsh discord reigns throughout this fatal Isle.

At which good Angels mourn, all Spirits smile,
 Old *Prospero* by his Daughters robb'd of rest,
 Has in displeasure left 'em both unblest
 Unkindly they abjure each others Bed,
 To save the living and revenge the dead
Alonso and his Son are Pris'ners made,
 And good *Gonzalo* does their Crimes upbraid
Antonio and *Gonzalo* disagree,
 And wou'd, though in one Cave, at distance be
 The Seamen all that cursed Wine have spent,
 Which still renew'd their thirst of Government,
 And wanting Subjects for the food of Pow'r,
 Each wou'd to rule alone the rest devour
 The Monsters *Sycorax* and *Caliban*,
 More Monstrous grow by passions learn'd from Man
 Even I not fram'd of warring Elements,
 Partake and suffer in these discontents
 Why shou'd a Mortal by Enchantments hold
 In Chains a Spirit of Æthereal mold?
 Accursed Magick we our selves have taught,
 And our own pow'r has our subjection wrought'

[Exit

ACT V

Enter Prospero and Miranda.

Prosper You beg in vain, I cannot pardon him,
 He has offended Heaven

Mir Then let Heaven punish him

Prosper It will by me.

Mir Grant him at least some respite for my sake

Prosper I by deferring Justice should incense the Deity
 Against my self and you

Mir Yet I have heard you say, The powers above are slow
 In punishing, and shou'd not you resemble them?

Prosper The Argument is weak, but I want time
 To let you see your errours, retire, and, if you love him,
 Pray for him.

[He's going.

Mir. And can you be his Judge and Executioner?

Prosper I cannot force *Gonzalo*, or my Brother, much
 Less the Father to destroy the Son? it must
 Be then the Monster *Caliban*, and he's not here,
 But *Ariel* strait shall fetch him

Enter Ariel

Ariel. My Potent Lord, before thou call'st, I come,
 To serve thy will.

Prosper Then, Spirit, fetch me here my salvage slave.

Ariel. My Lord, it does not need.

Prosper Art thou then prone to mischief,
 Wilt thou be thy self the Executioner?

Ariel Think better of thy Aery Minister, who,

For thy sake, unbidden, this night has flown
O'r almost all the habitable World

Prosp But to what purpose was all thy diligence?

Ariel When I was chidden by my mighty Lord, for my
Neglect of young *Hippolito*, I went to view
His Body, and soon found his Soul was but retir'd,
Not sally'd out then I collected
The best of Simples underneath the Moon,
The best of Balms, and to the wound apply'd
The healing juice of vulnerary Herbs
His only danger was his loss of blood, but now
He's wak'd, my Lord, and just this hour
He must be dress'd again, as I have done it
Anoint the Sword which pierc'd him, with this
Weapon Salve, and wrap it close from Air till
I have time to visit him again

Prosp Thou art my faithful Servant
It shall be done Be it your task, *Miranda*, because your
Sister is not present here, while I go visit your
Dear *Ferdinand*, from whom I will a while conceal
This news, that it may be more welcome

Mir I obey you, and with a double duty, Sir, for now
You twice have given me Life.

Prosp. My *Ariel*, follow me

[*Exeunt severally*

[*Hippolito discover'd on a Couch, Dorinda by him*

Dor How do you find your self?

Hip I'm somewhat cold, can you not draw me nearer
To the Sun? I am too weak to walk

Dor My Love, I'll try [She draws the Chair nearer the Audience

I thought you never would have walk'd agen,
They told me you were gone away to Heaven,
Have you been there?

Hip I know not where I was

Dor I will not leave you till you promise me you
Will not die agen

Hip Indeed I will not

Dor. You must not go to Heav'n, unless we go together;
For I've heard my Father say, that we must strive
To be each others guide, the way to it will else
Be difficult, especially to those who are so young.
But I much wonder what it is to die

Hip. Sure 'tis to dream, a kind of breathless sleep,
When once the Soul's gone out

Dor. What is the Soul?

Hip A small blue thing, that runs about within us.

Dor Then I have seen it in a frosty Morning run
Smoaking from my mouth

Hip But, dear *Dorinda*,
What is become of him who fought with me?

Dor O, I can tell you joyful news of him,
My Father means to make him die to day,
For what he did to you

Hip That must not be, my dear *Dorinda*, go and beg your
Father, he may not die, it was my fault he hurt me,
I urg'd him to it first

Dor But if he live, he'll never leave killing you

Hip O no! I just remember when I fell asleep, I heard
Him calling me a great way off, and crying over me as
You wou'd do, besides we have no cause of quarrel now

Dor Pray how began your difference first?

Hip I fought with him for all the Women in the World

Dor That hurt you had was justly sent from Heaven,
For wishing to have any more but me

Hip Indeed I think it was, but I repent it, the fault
Was only in my blood, for now 'tis gone, I find
I do not love so many

Dor In confidence of this, I'll beg my Father, that he
May live, I'm glad the naughty blood, that made
You love so many, is gone out

Hip My dear, go quickly, lest you come too late

[*Exit Dor*]

Enter Miranda at the other door, with Hippolito's

Sword wrapt up

Hip Who's this who looks so fair and beautiful, as
Nothing but *Dorinda* can surpass her? O!
I believe it is that Angel Woman,
Whom she calls Sister

Mir Sir, I am sent hither to dress your wound,
How do you find your strength?

Hip Fair Creature, I am faint with loss of blood

Mir I'm sorry for't

Hip Indeed and so am I, for if I had that blood, I then
Should find a great delight in loving you

Mir But, Sir, I am another's, and your love is given
Already to my Sister

Hip Yet I find that, if you please, I can love still a little

Mir I cannot be unconstant, nor shou'd you

Hip O my wound pains me

Mir. I am come to ease you

[*She unwraps the Sword*]

Hip. Alas! I feel the cold Air come to me
My wound shoots worse then ever

[*She wipes and anoints the Sword*]

Mir Does it still grieve you?

Hip Now methinks there's something laid just upon it

Mir Do you find no ease?

Hip Yes, yes, upon the sudden all the pain
Is leaving me Sweet Heaven, how I am eas'd!

Enter Ferdinand and Dorinda to them.

Ferd (to Dor) Madam, I must confess my life is yours,
I owe it to your generosity

Dor I am o're joy'd my Father lets you live, and proud
Of my good fortune, that he gave your life to me

Mir How? gave his life to her?

Hip Alas I think she said so, and he said he ow'd it
To her generosity

Ferd But is not that your Sister with *Hippolito*?

Dor So kind already?

Ferd I came to welcome life, and I have met the
Cruellest of deaths

Hip My dear *Dorinda* with another Man?

Dor Sister, what bus'ness have you here?

Mir You see I dress *Hippolito*

Dor Y' are very charitable to a Stranger

Mir You are not much behind in charity, to beg a pardon
For a Man, whom you scarce ever saw before

Dor Henceforward let your Surgery alone, for I had
Rather he should die, then you should cure his wound

Mir And I wish *Ferdinand* had dy'd before

He ow'd his life to your entreaty

Ferd (to *Hip*) Sir, I'm glad you are so well recover'd, you
Keep your humour still to have all Women

Hip Not all, Sir, you except one of the number,
Your new Love there, *Dorinda*

Mir Ah *Ferdinand*! can you become inconstant?
If I must lose you, I had rather death should take
You from me, than you take your self

Ferd And if I might have chosen, I would have wish'd
That death from *Prospero*, and not this from you

Dor I, now I find why I was sent away,
That you might have my Sister's Company

Hip *Dorinda*, kill me not with your unkindness,
This is too much, first to be false your self,
And then accuse me too

Ferd We all accuse each other, and each one denies their guilt,
I should be glad it were a mutual error.
And therefore, first, to clear my self from fault,
Madam, I beg your pardon, while I say I only love
Your Sister.

[To *Dorinda*.

Mir O blest word?
I'm sure I love no Man but *Ferdinand*

Dor Nor I, Heaven knows, but my *Hippolito*

Hip I never knew I lov'd so much, before I fear'd
Dorinda's constancy, but now I am convinc'd that
I lov'd none but her, because none else can
Recompense her love.

Ferd 'Twas happy then we had this little trial
But how we all so much mistook, I know not

Mir I have only this to say in my defence, my Father sent

Me hither, to attend the wounded Stranger

Dor And *Hippolito* sent me to beg the life of *Ferdinand*.

Ferd From such small errours left at first unheeded,

Have often sprung sad accidents in love

But see, our Fathers and our Friends are come

To mix their joys with ours

Enter Prospero, Alonzo, Antonio, Gonzalo

Alon (to Prosp) Let it no more be thought of, your purpose,

Though it was severe, was just In losing *Ferdinand*

I should have mourn'd, but could not have complain'd

Prosp Sir, I am glad kind Heaven decreed it otherwise

Dor O wonder!

How many goodly Creatures are there here!

How beauteous Mankind is!

Hip O brave new World, that has such People in't!

Alon (to Ferd) Now all the blessings of a glad Father
Compass thee about,

And make thee happy in thy beauteous choice

Gonz I've inward wept, or should have spoken e'r this.

Look down, sweet Heaven, and on this Couple drop

A blessed Crown For it is you chalk'd out the
Way which brought us hither

Ant Though penitence forc'd by necessity can scarce
Seem real, yet, dearest Brother, I have hope
My blood may plead for pardon with you, I resign
Dominion, which, 'tis true, I could not keep,
But Heaven knows too, I would not

Prosp All past crimes I bury in the joy of this
Blessed day

Alonz And that I may not be behind in Justice, to this
Young Prince, I render back his Dukedom,
And, as the Duke of *Mantua*, thus salute him.

Hip What is it you render back? methinks
You give me nothing

Prosp You are to be Lord of a great People,
And o'r Towns and Cities

Hip And shall these People be all Men and Women?

Gonz Yes, and shall call you Lord.

Hip Why then I'll live no longer in a Prison, but
Have a whole Cave to my self hereafter.

Prosp And that your happiness may be compleat,
I give you my *Dorinda* for your Wife, she shall
Be yours for ever, when the Priest has made you one

Hip How can he make us one? shall I grow to her?

Prosp By saying holy words, you shall be joyn'd in Marriage
To each other

Dor I warrant you those holy words are charms
My Father means to conjure us together.

*Enter Ariel, driving in Stephano, Trincalo, Mustacho,
Ventoso, Caliban, Sycorax*

Prosp Why that's my dainty *Ariel* I shall miss thee,
But yet thou shalt have freedom

Gonz O Look, Sir, look, the Master and the Saylor——
The Bosen too——my Prophecy is out, that if
A Gallows were on land, that Man could ne'r
Be drown'd

Alonz (to Trinc) Now Blasphemy, what not one Oath ashore?
Hast thou no mouth by Land? why star'st thou so?

Trinc What, more Dukes yet? I must resign my Dukedom,
But 'tis no matter, I was almost starv'd in't

Must Here's nothing but wild Sallads, without Oyl or Vinegar

Steph The Duke and Prince alive! would I had now our gallant Ship agen, and
were her Master, I'd willingly give all my Island for her

Vent And I my Vice-Roy-ship

Trinc I shall need no Hangman, for I shall e'n hang
My self, now my Friend Butt has shed his
Last drop of life Poor Butt is quite departed

Ant They talk like Mad-men

Prosp No matter, time will bring 'em to themselves, and
Now their Wine is gone, they will not quarrel
Your Ship is safe and tight, and bravely rigg'd,
As when you first set Sail

Alonz This news is wonderful.

Ariel Was it well done, my Lord?

Prosp Rarely, my Diligence

Gonz But pray, Sir, what are those mis shapen Creatures?

Prosp Their Mother was a Witch, and one so strong,
She would controul the Moon, make Flows
And Ebbs, and deal in her Command without
Her Power

Syc O *Setebos*! these be brave Sprights indeed

Prosp (to Calib) Go, Sirrah, to my Cell, and as you hope for
Pardon, trim it up

Calib Most carefully I will be wise hereafter.
What a dull Fool was I, to take those Drunkards
For Gods, when as such as these were in the World?

Prosp Sir, I invite your Highness and your Train
To my Poor Cave this night, a part of which
I will employ, in telling you my story

Alonz. No doubt it must be strangely taking, Sir

Prosp When the Morn draws, I'll bring you to your Ship,
And promise you calm Seas, and happy Gales
My *Ariel*, that's thy charge then to the Elements
Be free, and fare thee well

Ariel I'll do it, Master

Prosp Now to make amends
For the rough treatment you have found to day,

I'll entertain you with my Magick Art
 I'll, by my power, transform this place, and call
 Up those that shall make good my promise to you

[*Scene changes to the Rocks, with the Arch of Rocks,
 and calm Sea Musick playing on the Rocks,*

Prosp Neptune, and your fair *Amphitrite*, rise,
Oceanus, with your *Tethys* too, appear,
 All ye Sea Gods, and Goddesses, appear!
 Come, all ye *Tritons*, all ye *Nereids*, come,
 And teach your sawcy Element to obey
 For you have Princes now to entertain,
 And unsoil'd Beauties, with fresh youthful Lovers

[*Neptune, Amphitrite, Oceanus and Tethys, appear in a
 Chariot drawn with Sea-Horses, on each side of the Chariot
 Sea-Gods and Goddesses, Tritons and Nereids.*

Alonz This is prodigious

Ant Ah! what amazing Objects do we see?

Gonz His Art doth much exceed all humane skill

SONG

Amph MY Lord Great Neptune, for my sake,
 Of these bright Beauties pity take
 And to the rest allow
 Your mercy too

*Let this enraged Element be still,
 Let Æolus obey my will
 Let him his boystrous Prisoners safely keep
 In their dark Caverns, and no more
 Let 'em disturb the bosom of the deep,
 Till these arrive upon their wish'd-for Shore*

Neptune So much my *Amphitrite's* love I prize,
 That no commands of hers I can despise
Tethys no furrows now shall weare,
Oceanus no wrinkles on his brow,
 Let your serenest looks appear,
 Be calm and gentle now

Nep & Amph } Be calm, ye great Parents of the Flouds and the Springs,
 } While each *Nereid* and *Triton* Plays, Revels, and Sings
Oceanus Confine the roaring Winds, and we
 Will soon obey you cheerfully

Chorus of Tritons and Nereids } Tie up the Winds, and we'll obey.
 } Upon the Flouds we'll sing and play,
 } And celebrate a Halcyon day

Nept Great Nephew Æolus make no noise,
 Muzzle your roaring Boys

Amph Let 'em not bluster to disturb our ears,
 Or strike these Noble Passengers with fears

Nept Afford 'em only such an easie Gale,
 As pleasantly may swell each Sail

{ Here the Dan
 cers mingle with
 the Singers
 [Dance.
 [Æolus appears.

- Amph** *While fell Sea-Monsters cause intestine wars,
This Empire you invade with foreign Wars
But you shall now be still,
And shall obey my Amphitrite's will*
- Æolus de-
scends** } *You I'll obey, who at one stroke can make,
With your dread Trident, the whole Earth to quake
Come down, my Blusterers, swell no more,
Your stormy rage give o'er
Let all black Tempest cease—* { Winds from the four
Corners appear
- And let the troubled Ocean rest
Let all the Sea enjoy as calm a peace,
As where the Halcyon builds her quiet Nest
To your Prisons below,
Down, down you must go
You in the Earth's Entrails your Revels may keep,
But no more till I call shall you trouble the Deep* [Winds fly down
- Now they are gone, all stormy Wars shall cease
Then let your Trumpeters proclaim a Peace*
- Amph.** *Tritons, my Sons, your Trumpets sound,
And let the noise from Neighbouring Shores rebound,*
- Chorus** { *Sound a Calm
Sound a Calm
Sound a Calm
Sound a Calm
Sound a Calm*
- [Here the Tritons, at every repeat of *Sound a Calm*, changing their Figure and Postures, seem to sound their wreathed Trumpets made of Shells
A Symphony of Musick, like Trumpets, to which four Tritons Dance
- Nept** *See, see, the Heavens smile, all your troubles are past,
Your joys by black Clouds shall no more be o'rcast
On this barren Isle ye shall lose all your fears,
Leave behind all your sorrows, and banish your cares*
- Both** { *And your Loves and your Lives shall in safely enjoy ;
No influence of Stars shall your quiet destroy*
- Chor of all** { *And your Loves, &c
No influence, &c*
- [Here the Dancers mingle with the Singers.
- Oceanus** *We'll safely convey you to your own happy Shore,
And yours and your Country's soft peace we'll restore*
- Tethys** *To treat you blest Lovers, as you sail on the Deep,
The Tritons and Sea-Nymphs their Revels keep.*
- Both** { *On the swift Dolphins backs they shall sing and shall play ;
They shall guard you by night, and delight you by day*
- Chor. of all** { *On the swift, &c.
And shall guard, &c.*
- [Here the Dancers mingle with the Singers.
[A Dance of twelve Tritons
- Miran** What charming things are these ?
- Dor** What Heavenly Power is this ?

Prosop Now, my *Ariel*, be visible, and let the rest of your Aerial Train
Appear, and entertain 'em with a Song,

[*Scene changes to the Rising Sun, and a number of Aerial Spirits in the
Air, Ariel flying from the Sun, advances towards the Pit*

And then farewell my long-lov'd *Ariel*

Alon Heaven! what are these we see?

Prosop They are Spirits, with which the Air abounds in swarms, but that they
are not subject to poor feeble mortal Eyes

Ant O wonderful skill!

Gonz O Power Divine!

Ariel and the rest sing the following Song

Ariel *Where the Bee sucks, there suck I,
In a Cowslip's Bed I lie,
There I couch when Owls do cry
On the Swallows wings I fly
After Summer merrily
Merrily, merrily shall I live now,
Under the Blossom that hangs on the Bow*

[*Song ended, Ariel speaks, hovering in the Air*

Ariel My Noble Master!

May theirs and your blest Joys never impair

And for the freedom I enjoy I' th' Air,

I will be still your *Ariel*, and wait

On airy accidents that work for Fate

What ever shall your happiness concern,

From your still faithful *Ariel* you shall learn

Prosop Thou hast been always diligent and kind!

Farewel, my long-lov'd *Ariel*, thou shalt find,

I will preserve thee ever in my mind.

Henceforth this Isle to the afflicted be

A place of Refuge, as it was to me

The promises of blooming Spring live here,

And all the blessings of the ripening Year

On my retreat, let Heav'n and Nature smile,

And ever flourish the *Enchanted Isle*

[*Exeunt*

EPILOGUE

GA llants, by all good signs it does appear,
That Sixty seven's a very damning year,
For Knaves abroad, and for ill Poets here

Among the Muses there's a gen'ral rot,
The Rhyming Monsieur, and the Spanish Plot:
Defie or Court, all's one, they go to Pot

The Ghosts of Poets walk within this place,
And haunt us Actors wheresoe'r we pass,
In Visions blouidier than King *Richard's* was.

For this poor Wretch, he has not much to say,
But quietly brings in his part o' th' Play,
And begs the favour to be damn'd to day.

He sends me only like a Sh'riff's Man here,
 To let you know the Malefactor's near,
 And that he means to die, *en Cavalier*
 For if you shou'd be gracious to his Pen,
 Th' Example, will prove ill to other Men,
 And you'll be troubl'd with 'em all agen

FINIS

[No words which would not with justice be called idle can be expended on the foregoing *Version*. As a comprehensive commentary thereon it is interesting to note that the additions to the original, on which Dryden and Davenant plumed themselves, are wholesale plagiarisms from Calderon's play written twenty years earlier, so says HERMAN GRIMM (*Fünfehn Essays*, 1875, p. 206), who also says, with humour, that such is the quality of these additions that the two poets laureate might well have contended for the honour of having contributed the smaller share. For the extracts themselves, which Grimm adduces in proof of his assertion, I must refer the student to the *Essay* just mentioned, the innocence or the guilt of Dryden does not here concern us. But Calderon's play does concern us as sharing (according to Grimm) with *The Tempest* and *Cymbeline* a common origin. Extracts from Grimm's *Essay* are given in the *Source of the Plot*, p. 346.]

THE VIRGIN QUEEN

In 1797, F. G. WALDRON, an actor, and editor of *The Literary Museum*, published *The Virgin Queen*, a drama in Five Acts, 'attempted,' so it says on the title-page, 'as a Sequel to Shakespeare's *Tempest*.' Prospero's haste in breaking his staff and drowning his book seems to have left a painful impression on Waldron's mind as a highly inconsiderate and premature act, and this 'Sequel' is apparently designed to emphasize the moral that it is not safe to holla until you are out of the woods.

Just before embarking for Milan, Caliban entreats Prospero not to leave him behind—the prospect of future loneliness appalled him, 'custom'd to sort With monkees, 'apes, baboons, I felt not, ere My noble lord came here, its irksomeness.' Prospero accedes to Caliban's pleadings and gives him permission to accompany the party to Milan. Caliban's gratitude is boundless, and he offers profuse to dig for water in the new country whither they are going, to scoop out a trim cell, to lick Prospero's feet, &c. &c. This trust in Caliban's sincerity is Prospero's second fatal mistake, his first was the breaking of his staff and the drowning of his book, whereby he lost his supremacy and became an ordinary mortal. At the moment of leave-taking Ariel reveals to Prospero a secret, which he had just learned, to the effect that 'the spirit 'of that foul witch, Sycorax, Who died, thou know'st, upon this isle, great sir' From 'the blue lake of fire, wherein 'twas plung'd, Will soon be loos'd, till the dread day 'of doom' but it appears that as 'she was native of dark Afric's clime, On earth, in 'Africk only, can she harm'; and Ariel, therefore, adjures Prospero not to touch that land on his homeward journey. Ariel then bids Prospero farewell with the wish that he were mortal for only one moment that he might 'distil a tender tear'.

Once at sea, and released from the influences of the magic isle and the terrors of Prospero's power, the conspirators, Antonio and Sebastian, return to their plottings, and Caliban's bestial nature reasserts itself, and he longs for vengeance on Prospero

and, having been again supplied with liquor by Stephano and Trinculo, relieves his feelings, as the scene closes, with the following ditty

'I gather'd ripe clusters of grapes from the vine,
Then champ'd 'em, and swill'd 'em, rejoiced so to dine,
Yet, like a dull ass, was raid, beaten, and jeer'd,
Of adder, ape, urchin, and goblin afear'd'
But, liquor celestial now, plenteous, I quaff,
At adder, ape, urchin, and goblin can laugh,
Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho! I now should not fear,
Though Prosper and all his curst spirits were here'

In the Third Act Sycorax descends on the vessel, brimming with love for her 'long-lost boy,' and with vengeance on Prospero, she makes Caliban invulnerable, and instructs him that he must force the pilot to steer for Africa. Antonio and Sebastian introduce themselves to Sycorax and join the plot, which is ingeniously carried out by throwing overboard all the provisions, thus forcing upon Prospero the uncomfortable alternative of starving, or of making for the nearest shore, which is Africa. No sooner have they arrived on the shores of the latter, than they find Claribel and her husband in a plight almost as bad as their own. It appears that Claribel and her husband Abdallah are the victims of a witch named Hyrcia, a friend of Sycorax, who has driven them from Tunis to this region of the coast. The whole family of Prospero and of Alonso being thus within the power of the two witches, Hyrcia and Sycorax, the two latter prepare to make the best of their opportunity, after triumphantly announcing that—

'Love, Pity, Mercy, hence! Revenge now reigns!'

Sycorax and Hyrcia stalk the sanguine plains!"

Within sight of Prospero his ships are burnt, and Abdallah is told to prepare to be thrown into the raging flames, to Prospero, Sycorax expatiates on the multitude of choice tortures she has prepared for him, and winds up with saying that she intends Miranda for Caliban, for which Caliban has the civility to thank his 'gentle dam.' Circumstances are about as dark as can be well imagined for Prospero, whose repentance over his folly in prematurely dispensing with his power is abysmal, when grand harmonious music is heard. Ariel appears and presents to Prospero the precious book for which he had 'div'd i' th' oozy Neptune's bed,' and eke the broken staff for which he had 'into Tellus' bosom deeply pierced,' and, when found, had mended! The mere sight of these two treasures in Prospero's hands is quite enough for Sycorax, Hyrcia, and Caliban, who, without waiting for the staff to be waved or the book opened, 'go off howling, amidst Thunder, &c' (Please note the shuddering vagueness of the '&c') Ariel, always considerate, had brought up the rest of the fleet, which replaced the burnt vessels, and Prospero and Alonso, with their respective families, set sail for Italy, leaving behind Antonio and Sebastian, who are destined for their crimes to 'echo with their groans on this strange shore, Hyrcia's dire shrieks, 'curst Caliban's fell roar.' Ariel's feelings find expression in an outburst of song, which proclaims that 'From bondage free, Sweet liberty Shall Ariel hence enjoy! I' 'th' bee's quaint cell, Or musk-rose dwell, Upon the Goss'mer toy!' &c. Prospero then explains that 'Virtue's our magick-staff' our book Pure pietv!—with faith who 'look Thereon may antres vast explore.' A hymn to the same effect is then sung 'by the attendant spirits,' and the curtain falls. Claribel, I believe, is 'The Virgin Queen.'

PLAN OF THE WORK, &c

IN this Edition the attempt is made, to give, in the shape of TEXTUAL NOTES, on the same page with the Text, all the Various Readings of *The Tempest*, from the First Folio to the latest critical Edition of the play, then, as COMMENTARY, follow the Notes which the Editor has thought worthy of insertion, not only for the purpose of elucidating the text, but at times as illustrations of the history of Shakespearian criticism. In the APPENDIX will be found discussions of subjects which on the score of length could not be conveniently included in the Commentary.

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The last seven editions I have not collated beyond referring to them in disputed passages. The same is to a large extent true of the *Third Cambridge Edition*, my work of collation was finished when the volume containing this play was issued. The text of Shakespeare, especially in *The Tempest*, has become, within the last twenty-five years, so settled, that to collate editions which have appeared within these years is a work of supererogation. The case is different with the Second and Third Editions of editors like DYCE, COLLIER, GRANT WHITE, and W ALDIS WRIGHT, wherein it will always prove interesting to note the effect of time in modifying their opinions.

In the TEXTUAL NOTES the symbol Ff indicates the agreement of the Second, Third, and Fourth Folios.

The omission of the apostrophe in the F₂, a peculiarity of that edition, is not generally noted.

Nor is notice taken of the first Editor who adopted the modern spelling, or who substituted commas for parentheses, or changed ? to !.

The sign + indicates the agreement of ROWE, POPE, THEOBALD, HANMER, WARBURTON, and JOHNSON.

When WARBURTON precedes HANMER in the Textual Notes, it indicates that HANMER has followed a suggestion of WARBURTON's.

The words *et cet* after any reading indicate that it is the reading of *all other* editions.

The words *et seq* indicate the agreement of all subsequent editions.

The abbreviation (*subs*) indicates that the reading is *substantially* given, and that immaterial variations in spelling, punctuation, or stage-directions are disregarded.

An Emendation or Conjecture which is given in the Commentary is not repeated in the Textual Notes unless it has been adopted by a subsequent editor, nor is *cony* added to any name in the Textual Notes unless the name happens to be that of an editor, in which case its omission would be misleading.

COLL (MS) refers to COLLIER's annotated F₂

QUINCY (MS) refers to an annotated F₄ in the possession of MR J P QUINCY

In citations from plays, other than *The Tempest*, the Acts, Scenes, and Lines of *The Globe Edition* are followed

Under PHILA SH SOC reference is made to *Notes of Studies on the Tempest Minutes of the Shakspeare Society of Philadelphia*, 1864-5, whereof sixty copies were Privately Printed for the use of its twelve members This Society, having had a continuous existence from its foundation in 1851-2, down to the present day, is now, I believe, the oldest Shakspeare Society in existence ALLEN, whose name appears in connection with it, is the same learned critic whose notes are found in the Commentary in preceding volumes of this edition, SHARSWOOD, at that time Justice of the District Court, was afterwards Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, KRAUTH was Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy in the University of Pennsylvania, and, later, a member of the American Board of Biblical Revision All, together with The DEAN, A I FISH, are now among the 'precious friends, hid in death's dateless night'

To economise space in the Commentary I have frequently cited, with the name of an author, an abbreviated title of his work, and sometimes not even as much as that In the following LIST, arranged chronologically, enough of the full title is given merely to serve as a reference

Be it understood that this List gives only those books wherefrom Notes have been taken at first hand, it does not include books which have been consulted in verifying quotations made by the contributors to the earlier *Variorum*, or by other critics Were these included the List would be many times longer Nor does it include the large number, especially in German, which I have examined, but from which, to my regret, lack of space has obliged me to forego making any extract

Let it be borne in mind that this present edition aspires merely to be one *cum Notis VARIORUM Editorum*, and no one can be more conscious than its Editor that it is, at its very best, a necessary evil Were it, however, to attempt to be an edition *cum Notis OMNIUM Editorum*, or *Criticorum*, it would be not only an unnecessary, but an unmitigated, evil, and all good men and true should unite in crushing it

Reference to this restriction is perhaps necessary, because in the case of one of the recent volumes of this Edition, the Editor was reproached in public for not having included in his notes any reference to a certain work which treated at some length of the play then in hand, and the omission was, naturally perhaps, attributed to the Editor's insufficient knowledge. As it really happened, the omitted book had been for twenty years in the Editor's library, and belongs to that class of books—the disgrace of literature—whereof the mere possession can be excused only by the claims of a library devoted to one subject, wherein everything good, bad, and indifferent is gathered The character of the book could not assuredly have been known to the critics Any reference to it had been, by the Editor, sedulously excluded

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